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League seeks ban on imports

The Phillips League executive committee has recommended that no overseas players be registered from May 1, 1979, to the end of the 1979 season.

The proposal, which came from PSL chairman Sam Papasavas, will be put to the Council of Clubs at a meeting in Brisbane on either June 3 or June 5.

The ban on overseas players has been suggested because promotion and relegation will

By LAURIE SCHWAB

apply to the Phillips League for the first time at the end of next season.

"If there is no restrictions, rich clubs will be able to import completely new teams if they are in danger of relegation, and the poorer clubs would be put at an unfair disadvantage," Mr Papasavas said this week.

If the proposal is accepted by the meeting in Brisbane, Phillips League clubs have only until

the end of this year to recruit the overseas players they require.

Players are difficult to get in January-February, 20 clubs would be foolish to try at the last minute.

The implication of the proposal is that it could force domestic transfer fees to rise even higher.

With overseas players banned, clubs that are struggling half way through next season would have to look to the local market where sellers would hold all the aces.

The team that finishes last in 1979 will be replaced by the State League (First Division)

champion from the same State.

The same procedure will be followed at the end of the 1980 season.

However, the team to be promoted will have to meet prescribed criteria and be screened and approved by its State federation.

If the State champion is not suitable for promotion, meaning it doesn't have enough money or adequate facilities, promotion will go to the State runner-up.

If the runner-up isn't suitable either, the third-placed team will get the chance to play off against the candidate for relegation from the Phillips League.

GLOOMY FOR ITALY, DUTCH DAZZLE



Australian Soccer Camps came to Melbourne last week, and the response was better than ever. Pictured is the group of boys that attended the first session at Olympic Park. In the crowd are coaches Mike de Bruyckere, Rale Rasic, Jim Armstrong, Mendo Ristouski and George Campbell. Picture by GEOFF AMPT.

Holland, Poland and Sweden had good victories at the weekend in late lead-up games to the World Cup finals which start on June 1.

Holland, tipped as one of the Cup favorites, was most impressive in beating fellow finalist Austria 1-0 in Vienna in front of a crowd of 61,000.

Arie Haan scored the winning goal in the 53rd minute.

Striker Benny Wendt, who plays in the German Bundesliga, scored Sweden's goal in its 1-0 victory over English team Aston Villa in Stockholm.

Sweden also drew 0-0 with European champion Czechoslovakia in Stockholm. Sweden tried out the 4-4-2 formation it intends to use in the finals. Wendt put the ball into the net but was ruled offside.

Poland, which plays the opening World Cup game against West Germany on June 1, beat Spanish club Hercules Alicante 3-1 in Warsaw.

A crowd of 30,000 people watched Kaz Deyna belt home two goals, with the third coming from Szymanowski.

Moyano scored for Hercules.

Italy, meanwhile, could not have been too pleased with its scoreless draw with Yugoslavia in Rome, while Mexico, after a successful European tour, was held to a 1-1 draw by a Rio Grande Do Sul selection in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

The Brazilian team led 1-0 at half time with a goal by Eder, but Hugo Sanchez equalised in the 50th minute.

Scotland, which had such high hopes, was beaten 1-0 by England in the British championships, to finish third behind England and Wales.

Two of Scotland's stars, Bruce Rioch and Don Masson, have been transfer-listed by their English club, Derby County.

Meanwhile, FIFA president Joao Havelange has said there is no danger of terrorist violence during the World Cup, as the Argentine government had offered every possible guarantee to prevent such outbreaks.

This is the table compiled from all games in World Cup final series since the first competition in 1930:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1. Brazil	45	29	7	9	109	53	65:25
2. W. Germany	41	27	5	9	100	63	59:23
3. Italy	29	16	5	8	53	34	37:21
4. Uruguay	29	14	5	10	57	39	33:25
5. Hungary	23	13	2	8	70	34	28:18
6. Sweden	25	11	5	9	47	43	27:23
7. England	24	10	6	8	34	28	26:22
8. Yugoslavia	25	10	5	10	45	34	25:25
9. USSR	19	10	3	6	30	21	23:15
10. Argentina	22	8	4	9	40	41	22:22
11. Czechoslovakia	22	8	3	11	32	36	19:25
12. Chile	18	7	3	8	23	24	17:19
13. France	17	7	1	9	38	33	15:19
14. Spain	15	6	2	7	20	23	14:16
15. Austria	12	6	1	5	26	16	13:11
16. Poland	8	6	0	2	21	11	12:4
17. Switzerland	18	5	2	11	28	44	12:24
18. Holland	9	5	1	3	17	9	11:7
19. Portugal	6	5	0	1	17	8	10:2
20. Mexico	21	3	4	14	19	50	10:32
21. East Germany	6	2	2	2	5	6	6:6
22. Paraguay	7	2	2	3	12	19	6:8
23. U.S.A.	7	3	0	4	12	21	6:8
24. Wales	5	3	1	1	4	4	5:5
25. Romania	8	2	1	5	12	17	5:11
26. Scotland	8	1	3	4	7	15	5:11
27. Peru	6	2	0	4	10	13	4:8
28. Bulgaria	12	0	4	8	9	28	4:20
29. Cuba	3	1	1	1	5	12	3:3
30. North Korea	4	1	1	2	5	9	3:5
31. N. Ireland	4	1	2	1	4	9	3:5
32. Belgium	9	1	1	7	12	35	3:15
33. Turkey	3	1	0	2	10	11	2:4
34. Israel	3	1	0	2	1	3	2:4
35. Morocco	3	0	1	2	2	8	1:5
36. Colombia	3	0	1	2	5	11	1:5
37. Australia	3	0	1	2	0	5	1:5
38. Egypt	1	0	0	1	2	4	0:2
39. Norway	1	0	0	1	2	0	0:2
40. Dutch E. Indies	1	0	0	1	0	6	0:2
41. South Korea	2	0	0	2	0	16	0:4
42. El Salvador	3	0	0	3	0	9	0:6
43. Haiti	3	0	0	3	0	14	0:6
44. Zaire	3	0	0	3	0	4	0:6
45. Bolivia	3	0	0	3	0	16	0:6

Dundee lucky to beat Queensland

By BRUCE WADDELL

Touring Scottish team Dundee, smarting from its 1-2 loss to Newcastle KB United, was lucky to beat determined Queensland 1-0 at Perry Park in Brisbane on Sunday. Dundee meets Victoria at Olympic Park this Sunday.

A goal by Col Curran in the 65th minute gave Newcastle its brilliant victory mid-week.

Ken Boden has previously scored for Newcastle and McGeechie for Dundee.

Dundee beat Queensland with a goal by Billy Wil-

liamson only 12 minutes from the end.

Queensland, almost totally dominated by Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City players, stretched Dundee to the limit and deserved at least a draw.

Striker Alan Marley haras-

sed Dundee centre backs Bobby Glennie and George McGeechie and Queensland should have been able to make something out of the several half chances he produced.

Other Queensland stars were goalkeeper Nigel Lownds, centre backs Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett, and full back Steve Perry.

In midfield, Eddy Spearritt

once again disproved the popular theory that he is too old for top-line football, while Geoff Morris, John Neale and Larry Gaffney had moments in which their football more than matched that of Dundee.

Most impressive for Dundee were McGeechie, Glennie, Bobby Ford, Redford, Sinclair and Phillip.

Dundee's top striker Billy Pirie, who joins Sydney Olympic this week, replaced McDougall at half time and right back Ford and midfielder McPhail switched positions.

Retings: QUEENSLAND: Lownds 7, Perry 8, Hermiston 8, Bennett 7, Polter 7, Spearritt 8, Neale 7 (Kilco 53rd min), Gaffney 7, Dolan 6 (Echeverria 78th), Marley 8, Morris.

DUNDEE: Donaldson 7, Ford 8 (Bradley 72nd), Caldwell 7 (Schaeffer 61st min), McGeechie 8, Glennie 8, McPhail 7, McDougall 7 (Pirie 8, half time), Phillip 8, Sinclair 7 (Allen 66th), Williamson 7, Redford 7.

CUP GAME IN PERTH

The first round of the Phillips Cup continues today (Wednesday), with games in Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane.

Games, with likely winners in capitals, are:

At Garside Park, Sydney, 7.15 p.m.: WESTERN SUBURBS v Sutherland; 9 p.m.: SYDNEY OLYMPIC v

At Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 7 p.m.: Beograd v AZZURRI; 9 p.m.: ADELAIDE JUVENTUS v Norlunga.

At Velodrome, Perth, 8 p.m.: Ascot v WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS.

At Perry Park, Brisbane, 8 p.m.: BRISBANE LIONS v Annerley.

Matches next Wednesday, May 31: At Olympic Park,

MELBOURNE HELLAS v Footscray J.U.S.T.

At Perry Park, Brisbane, 8 p.m.: Southside Eagles v HAKOAH-EASTS.

At Marconi Oval, Sydney, 8 p.m.: MARCONI v Sydney Croatia.

Remaining first-round match on Wednesday, June 14: At Perry Park, Brisbane, 8 p.m.: St. George Souths v

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Games

STANDINGS

This week's games:

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray J.U.S.T. v
Alexander, Schintler
Reserve, 3 pm Saturday.
Sth Melbourne Hellas v
Canberra, Middle Park, 3
pm, Saturday.

IN SYDNEY

West Suburbs v St.
George, Wentworth Park,
1 pm, Sunday.
Hakoah v Olympic,
Wentworth Park, 3 pm,
Sunday.
Marconi v Newcastle,
Marconi Oval, 3 pm Sun-
day.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v
Brisbane Lions, Perry
Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

Adelaide Juventus v W.
Adelaide Hellas, Olympic
Sports Field, 3 pm, Sun-
day.

IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle v Brisbane
City, Wednesday.

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Marconi	5	1	0	18	6	3	3	0	9	17: 2 20
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Hakoah-East	1	2	2	8	5	4	1	2	17	10 22:15 13
Sth Melb. Hellas	2	2	2	7	7	2	3	1	7	5 14:12 13
Brisbane Lions	1	3	1	6	7	2	3	1	11	10 17:12 12
West Suburbs	2	3	1	10	8	2	1	3	11	14 21:22 12
Fitz. Alexander	2	2	2	6	6	1	3	2	8	12 14:18 11
Syd Olympic	1	2	4	8	12	2	2	1	6	5 14:17 10
Brisbane City	4	0	2	9	7	1	0	4	4	9 13:16 10
Canberra	0	7	0	10	10	1	1	3	5	9 15:19 10
Adel Juventus	2	2	2	7	6	1	2	3	7	12 14:18 10
Footscray JUST	1	1	3	3	6	2	3	1	5	6 8:12 10
Newcastle	0	3	2	6	10	2	3	1	8	9 14:19 10
St. George	3	0	3	9	9	1	1	4	5	8 14:17 9

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

MEIER (3) (Syd Oly)			
MULLEN (2) (Hak)	BROWN (2) (Can)	KAMPAS (4) (WAH)	DEGNEY (3) (Marc)
MCGACHEY (2) (WAH)	BOYLE (2) (WAH)	CAMPBELL (1) (Alex)	
DAVOURLIS (1) (Syd Oly)	HONEYMAN (1) (WAH)	SHARNE (4) (Marc)	

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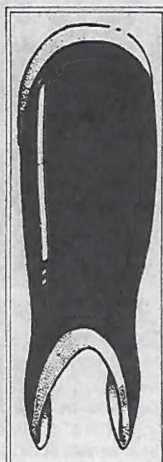
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8. Jankovic (Marc),
7. Ollerton (SM-Hellas), C. Eaton (West Sub),
6. Vieri (Marc), Grujicic (Can), Fisher (West Sub), O'Connor (St. G),
5. Boden (Newc), Hughes (Lions), Marley (Brs C), Cole (Alex),
4. J. Nykohus (Adel Juv), E. Campbell (Hak), Silva (Hak), T. Byrne (Can), J. Campbell (Alex).

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

MARCONI 1 (Vieri) v SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Jamieson) at Wentworth Park, Sydney. Crowd 6702.

Ratings by John Taylor.
MARCONI: Maher 9, Jones (Brogan 5, 31st min), Prkalo 7, Russell 7, Degney 9, Byrne 7, Rooney 7, Vieri 8, Sharne 9, Mariani 7, Williams 7.

OLYMPIC: Meier 9, Palmer 7, Bell 7, Markland 7, McIntosh 6 (Luckett 75th min), Jamieson 7, Stravopodis 8, Cross 7, Laing 7, Davourlis 9, Allan 6 (Ainslie 63rd min).

ST GEORGE 1 (Mendez), HAKOAH 3 (Silva, Watson, Trenter) at Barton Park, Sydney. Crowd, 1200.

Ratings by Peter Scott.
HAKOAH: Pezzano 5, Mullen 8, Thompson 6, Steve O'Connor 6, Mowbray 5, Watson 7, Souness 6, Barnes 7, Campbell 5 (sent off 64th min), Simao (Trenter 7, 28th min), Silva 7.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Coe 6, Harris 6, Grosse 6, Morgan 7, Rendell 6 (Vassile 68th min), Gnavi 6, John O'Shea 5, Mendez 6, Hensman 5 (Duricic 71st min), Jones 7, Phil O'Connor 8.

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Crujicic 2) v WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Fisher, O'Donnell) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd 5000.

Ratings by Peter Windsor.
CANBERRA: Tilsted 8, Moulis 7, Henderson 7, Grujicic 8, Byrne (sent off 16th min), Brown 9, Marinello 8, Heywood 8, (Hogg 75th min), Cant 7, Parker 7, Stark 8.

WESTS: Lachowicz 8, Skellern 8, Turnbull 7, Noble 7, Campbell 7, Harding 8, Stone 7, O'Donnell 8, Fisher 8, Vernon 7, Eaton 8.

Referee, D. Yelland (Melbourne).
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Kampas pen, Honeyman, Tymczyzyn) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Ollerton) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Crowd 10,000.

Ratings by Frank Pangallo:
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Tymczyzyn 7, Kampas 7, Jones 6, Reynolds 7, McGachey 8, Boyle 9, Pillans 6, Zervas 2 (Bozanic 5, half time), Honeyman 8, McGregor 7 (Norris 81st).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hansen 8; Pye 7, Kalafatis 6, Baxter 7, Hegeganoull 7, Campbell 6, Wright 7, Rogers 7; Cummings 6, Ollerton 5, Kent 6.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 3 (Campbell 2, Micevski) ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 0 at Middle Park, crowd about 4000.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
ALEXANDER: Blasby 7; McMillan 7, Provan 7, O'Reilly 7, Tansey 8; Selemidis 8, Taylor 7, Micevski 8 (replaced Buljevic, injured, 22nd), Boziskas 8, Cole 6, Campbell 8.

JUVENTUS: Romanowicz 6; B. Nykohus 7, Lister 7, Muir 8, Yung 5 (Basir 72nd), McCluskey 5, Perin 5, (Northcote 75th), Muniz 5; Fyfe 6, Kosmina 6, J. Nykohus 8.

BOLAND TOPS

Leading averages in the JAT — 'Soccer Action' player of the year award are—

8.4 Boland (JUST)
8.1 Perry (Bris. City)
7.9 Vieri (Marc)
7.8 Kolacki (Juve)
7.7 Boden (Newc)
7.6 Marinello (Can)
7.5 Herminston (Bris. Lions), Degney (Marc), O'Connor (St. Geo)
7.4 Tilsted (Can), Rooney (Marc), Sharne (Marc), Nykohus B. (Juve.), Northcote (Juve), Luton (SMH), McGachey (WAH).
7.3 Gaffney (Bris City), Connor (Bris City)
7.2 Pimblett (Bris City), Lownds (Bris Lions), Henderson (Can), Stark (Can), Byrne (Can), Palinkas (JUST), Picioane (JUST), Maher (Marc), Russell (Marc), Summercales (Newc), Lister (Juve), Meier (Syd Oly), Hansen (SMH).

ONLY 5 WINS IN 8 YEARS

New-look Vics hope to reverse the trend

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The Victorian team to meet Dundee at Olympic Park at 3pm on Sunday will contain only one, perhaps two players who have previously represented the State.

The "veteran" of the team will be J.U.S.T. centre back Jim Kondarios who has made nine appearances for Victoria, against — Atromitos (1-1), Italian Army (1-2), Bologna (0-4), Tottenham Hotspur (1-3), South Australia (1-2), Velez Mostar (abandoned at 2-2), Australia B (1-3), Benfica (0-2) and Glasgow Rangers (1-5).

Vince Bannon of Frankston City may be the only other player with State experience. Bannon played in Victoria's 2-3 loss to Ferencvaros in 1974.

However, he could lose his place to Alexander's Bob Provan who plays centre back for his club, but whom coach Duncan McKay fancies as a possible full back.

Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia played against Middlesbrough (0-4) and South Australia (2-1) last year, but the little winger is unlikely to force his way into the team ahead of Mick Watkins (Juventus) and George Campbell (Hellas).

The likely team is: John Hansen (Hellas) — Bob Provan (Alexander), Jim Kondarios (J.U.S.T.), Stuart Baxter (Hellas), Zdravko Lujic (J.U.S.T.), Alan Kerr (Essendon Croatia), Bill McClymont (Makedonia), Steve Bennie (Green Gully), Ken Reed (George Cross), George Campbell (Hellas).

Victoria the habitual loser, has won only two games against touring teams this decade — 2-1 against the Welsh FA in 1971 and 2-1



Alexander's Bob Provan rises high above opponents to head clear. He'll probably play at full back for Victoria.

against Bristol Rovers of England in 1974. Its record since the start of 1970 reads: won 5, drew 7, lost 24, goals 38 for, 91 against, points 17-55.

The other three wins were against South Australia.

Players who have made the most appearances for Victoria since the start of the decade are:

22. Branko Buljevic.
20. Jack Reilly.
19. Billy Vojtek, Jimmy Mackay.
15. Mike Pye.
14. Alistair Scott.
13. Sandy Irvine.
12. Frank Micic.

Of course, Micic has played more than 50 games for Victoria, the rest being before 1970. Vojtek and Mackay played about 30 each.

Top scorers for Victoria since 1970 have been:

6. Branko Buljevic.
4. Billy Vojtek.
3. Graham French.
2. Jimmy Mackay, Ulysses Kokkinos.

Victoria's best games this decade, with details, have been.

1970: VICTORIA 2 (Vojtek, Ulysses) NSW 2 (Denton, Alston).

Victoria: Reilly, Ulysses, Kinnell, Irvine, Scott, Micic, Mackay, Goodwin, Zoraja (Rogers), Vojtek, Buljevic. Coach: Rale Rasic.

NSW: Fraser, Yaeger, Mar-nich, Schaefer, Sandell, Warren, Baartz, Watkiss, Abonyi, Alston, Denton. Coach: Frank Arok.

1971: VICTORIA 0 MOSCOW DYNAMO 0.

Victoria: Reilly, Rutherford (Irvine), Juhasz, Lopatic, Dobbing, Scott, Salisbury (Marshall), Mackay, Vojtek, Kokkinos, Buljevic. Coach: Ken Kontra.

1971: VICTORIA 2 (Vojtek, Zoraja) WELSH FA 1 (Davies).

Victoria: Kovacek, Irvine, Juhasz, Szabo, McGowan, Lopatic, Wallace, Scott (Kuzilek), Zoraja, Vojtek, Bleskany. Coach: Ken Kontra.

1974: VICTORIA 2 (Howie, Armstrong) BRISTOL ROVERS 1 (Fearnley).

Victoria: Kastner, Pye, Kazi, Walker, Tansey, Howie, Micic, P. Bannon, Bleskany (Gillan), Milceviski (Armstrong), Palinkas. Coach: Tony Boggi.

1976: VICTORIA 2 (Ollerton, Ristovski) VELEZ MOSTAR 2 (Halilhodzic 2), abandoned late in game due to crowd trouble.

Victoria: Reilly, Kazi, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey, Krlaris, Gibson (Cummings), Bourne, Ristovski, Ollerton, Vojtek. Coach: Tony Boggi.

1976: VICTORIA 1 (French penalty) ATROMITOS 1 (Bergeles).

Victoria: Clarke, Pye, Xanthopoulos, Kondarios, Tansey, Bourne, Mackay, Wagstaff (Gibson), Ristovski



(Makedonia), Ken Taylor (Alexander).

Forwards: Mick Watkins (Juventus), Ken Reed (George Cross), George McMillan (Makedonia), Tommy Cumming (Croatia), George Campbell (Hellas).

The likely Dundee team is: Ally Donaldson, Dave McKinnon, Bobby Glennie, Iain Phillip, Erich Schaefer, Iain McDougall, Ian Bradley, Bill Williamson, Bill Pirie, Eric Sinclair, Thomson Allan.

Dundee has an excellent relationship with the Sydney Olympic club.

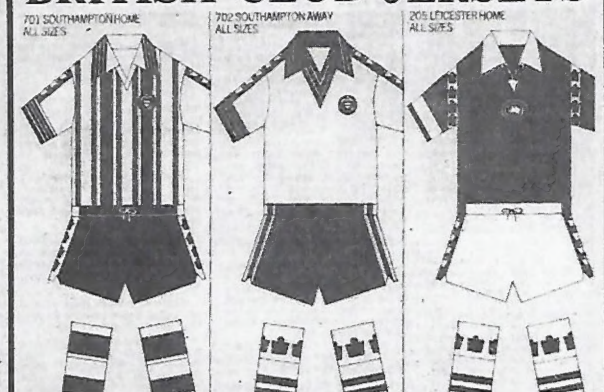
Former Dundee players Derek Laing and Dave McIntosh play at Olympic, and Bill

Pirie, who guested there last year, will rejoin Olympic after the tour.

The relationship between the two clubs was established by Olympic coach Tom Anderson and former APIA

and Socceroo star George Blues, who is assistant coach at Dundee. Dundee's last tour match is against South Australia at Hindmarsh Stadium at 8pm on Wednesday.

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Craig Johnston is a wonderfully talented player. He wouldn't be recognised by a club as great as Middlebrough if he were anything less.

I admire this 17-year-old enormously for what he has achieved and for what I have no doubt he will achieve in the future.

However, it was sheer stupidity to select him for the Australian squad to play against Greece without first knowing whether he wanted to play, or whether he was able to.

Those things should have been settled behind closed doors by federation officials and the coach. Instead, we had a situation in which the Middlebrough manager complained angrily, saying he would not give Johnston permission to play for Australia.

And Johnston had said earlier that his real ambition was to play for Scotland!

All these problems should have been sorted out before his name appeared in the squad.

Now, from a different point of view, do you have to go to England to be recognised and will you only then be picked to play for Australia?

What about Mark Jankovic? He is young, he has great talent, he is the top scorer in the Phillips League and he already has had a little international experience, yet he didn't rate a mention for the games against Greece.

Surely our own stars at home should be given priority over those overseas. Johnston is a talented player, like I have said, but how was he selected? He left Australia as a young lad. No-one here could really have known how well he now plays, yet after only one week back in the country, he's included in the national squad.

That surely is an insult to our domestic stars who battle for recognition every week.

There are other selections that demand deep and serious discussion at ASF headquarters.

How can you be chosen to play for Australia if you haven't played for your club all season?

How can you play for Australia if you're not even an Australian citizen?

Eight years ago we had a hard and firm rule that no-one should play for Australia before first taking out citizenship.

Now we have the situation where players are flown to Fiji to be naturalised so that they can play the next day, and when naturalised players win full caps for Australia.

I say that many unfunny jokes are being played on soccer in this country and my advice to the jokers — be they administrators,



Craig Johnston



RALE RASIC

coaches, managers — is to get out of the game.

A certain group of fellow journalists have been writing week in, week out that this team or that team will win Marconi, for some reason or other.

My advice to them is to record over the past two seasons. Marconi has lost only five games in two years and has proved to be far the best club side in Australia. It's no accident, gentlemen.

GOALHEADS FOR CUP ENGAGEMENT

Australian soccer fans this week are trying to get accustomed to the strange sensation of seeing St George Budapest languishing at the very bottom of the Phillips League.

Strange indeed, for one of the pace-setters of big-time soccer in this country, but those of their supporters with a long memory can be excused for having a feeling of déjà vu.

They've been through this all before, when, a good many years ago, the feared and respected Saints were staring the spectre of relegation from the NSW First Division in the face.

That was the year all their energies were concentrated on building and inaugurating their licensed club in the suburb of Mortdale.

Soccer took the back seat until the pokies started pouring out the thousands of profits.

It may be more than a coincidence that St George's current bout of the horrors coincides with the opening of their new ground, Barton Park Soccer Stadium.

Certainly, a wise investment for the future, but on the field of play the red-white-and-greens are 14th out of 14 — dead last!

This sorry state of affairs arrived as a result of a comprehensive 3-1 loss to Hakoah in a match which presented plenty of opportunities for the home side to save face.

St George took the lead at a psychologically vital moment, just three minutes before half time, as Hakoah struggled to keep its state clean, playing against a gale-force wind.

Although the Blues managed to even the score early in the second half, they once again offered up the match on a silver platter to the Saints, through lack of discipline on the part of Ernie Campbell.

Earlier the former Soccercoo collected a caution from referee Brian Fowler, for rolling the ball from the foot where a free kick was awarded.

In the 63rd minute Campbell looked like getting set for a long edged scoring chance when he was rather crudely dragged down by the home defence inside the penalty.

Instead of accepting stoically referee Fowler's decision not to penalise the infringement, Campbell decided to retaliate less than a minute later by "chopping" Mick Rendell.

Having shown him the yellow card before, Fowler this time had no hesitation in ordering Campbell from the field.

Even this unexpected stroke of luck had no effect on the sluggish Saints. On the contrary, it seemed to confuse them even more, while Hakoah vengefully set about the job of gaining satisfaction or injustices real and imagined.

As embattled St George coach Ivo Takac ruefully confided to me soon after his team's sad demise: "Hakoah wanted to win more than we players did, and deserved to do."

He singled out the Blues' tighter, more effective midfield as the main reason for Saints' defeat.

This statement points the finger at Saints' Rudy Gnani, Carlos Mendez and John O'Shea, who all had spectacularly untimely performances in a match that never rose to great heights.

In addition Gnani, this abundantly talented, but consistently moody player, "distinguished" himself in a particularly nasty, sad demise, about five minutes from the end.

The victim of his attentions was Hilton Silva, who allowed the Gnani called to him when they were being played, and as Silva turned, he was hit in the ribs.

According to Silva, a far more urgent post-match attention got him back on his feet, even Mendez decried his team's action.

Referee Fowler did not see the incident. Hakoah's win gains added lustre because of the absence of two of their stars, Todd Clarke, still having trouble with his tendons, and John Stevenson, who was on the bench following a groin injury suffered the previous week.

Another new face was introduced into the line-up in this match — Mark Trenter making his debut, when he replaced Simso in the 28th minute.

The young African complained of sore thigh muscles, coming off nearly half an hour of trying to fit into the Hakoah combination, mostly unsuccessfully.

Most of the first half was scrappy sparring between the sides, with some chances — all wasted — but precious little good football, until the 40th minute.

It was then that Phil O'Connor suddenly joined his way through the defence, only to see his shot turned round the upright by his namesake in Hakoah, Steve O'Connor.

Just two minutes later the St George winger set off on the inside line, once again being man after man, before slipping a final pass to the unmarked Mendez, who gratefully hammered the ball into the left corner of the net.

St George also dominated the early part of the second half, Gnani settling up several counter-attacking moves with long, accurate balls out of defence.

Still Hakoah was not to be denied, Barnes bringing the best out of Martin Cox with a header in the 56th minute, but the former Hakoah goalie was helpless as

roof of the net from the inside-right position.

Hakoah continued to look the better side and in the peppery aftermath of Campbell's expulsion they took revenge when Watson

minute later against a Silva "special" that rocketed into the

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By PETER SCOTT

St. Geo. 1 Hakoah 2

Philips Cup in Newcastle, Sydney, Melbourne

Defenders get the goals

NEWCASTLE KB 2 (Drinkwater, Summerscales) WESTON BEARS 1 (J. J. Turnbull)

Newcastle KB: Dando, Willis, Curran, Summerscales, Drinkwater, Herdes, Sneddon (Golpin H.T.), Meron, Johnston, Mountford, Boden.

Weston Bears: Lasanica, Davis, Johnson, Sneddon, Thompson, J. Turnbull, King, Stoker, Boyland, Harper, J. J. Turnbull.

In the first round of the Philips Cup Newcastle KB United defeated last year's premiers Weston Bears 2-1 at Weston Park.

In a bit of an anti-climax after the Dundee performance, Newcastle found themselves behind at half time.

However two goals in set pieces in the second half by control defenders Ray Drinkwater from a Ken Boden corner kick on the right, and Bill Summerscales from free taken by Golpin on the right put the Newcastle United side through to the second round.

JOE LANZONI

Bozikas gets at-trick-

ALEXANDER 6 (Bozikas 25th min, 44th, 53rd mins, Campbell 71st, 79th mins. Colo 72nd min.) SLAVIA 3 (Miller 30th min., Paton 67th min. Train 90th min.)

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6, McMillan 6, Provan 6, O'Reilly 6, Tansley 7, Campbell 8, Taylor 7, Micevski 6 (Seldemid 62nd min.), Bozikas 9, Cole 7, Buljevic 7, (Racovalski 83rd min.), Slavia: Neri 5, Thompson 5, Westley 5, Yzendoom 5, Miller 6, Train 7, Whiteside 5, Turner 6, Paton 7, Aldridge 6 injured (Schoch 88th min.), Williams 5.

score 1-1 in the 30th minute, and Slavia was unlucky to go 1-2 down a minute before half time.

Then, after Alexander was leading 3-1, Slavia pulled a goal back with a well-worked free kick that ended with Jim Paton planting the ball past Peter Blasby with the Alexander defence tricked by dummy runs from two Slavia attackers.

However, any thoughts that Slavia would make it 3-3 were quickly forgotten when Alexander hit top gear.

Alexander coach, John Margerita would have been happy, but not totally surprised by his team scoring six goals. A couple of days before the game he commented to a member of the Greek press that it wouldn't be long before the side scored a bagful.

— KYLE PATTERSON.

Plucky APA fails

ST. GEORGE 2 (J. O'Shea, Heasman) APIA 1 (Jack).

ST. GEORGE: Cox 5 (Patterson 5-45th), Harris 6, Rendell 7, Morgan 6, Grosse 8, J. O'Shea 7, O'Connor 6, Jones 6, Mendez 5, Acosta 5 (Watson 53 — Henderson 60) J.R.B. 6, APIA: McGuire 7, Porter 6, Griffin 6, McMillan 7, Jackson 6 (Miller 83, Lindsay 7, O'Shea 6 (Jack 53), Doyle 6, Carruthers 6, Rut 7, Sime 6.

APIA forwards to rattle him and played safe in the post. J.R.B. was an energetic worker.

Acosta did a couple of bright things early but St. George never really got a grip on midfield and most of the time were totally disorganised.

APIA were far more positive in their build-up, and on the night more skilful in the raids.

In fact, APIA had most of the play, with right back Bob McGinn prominent in the raids.

APIA had the better of midfield too, but their big names Terry Butler, John Doyle and Eric Carruthers were a bitter disappointment.

St. George's defence, marshalled by Harris and Mendez, was a bit shaky, but they did manage to hold on when he rose high to head a ball to the side of the post after Ken Lindsay's header looked certain to go in.

St. George relied on the attacking skills of Phil O'Connor and it was the tricky winger who laid on the cross for the first goal scored by John O'Shea in the 55th minute.

Substitute David Jack, recently back after a cartilage operation, put APIA back on level terms in the 77th minute.

APIA came storming home but it was George Harris, often criticised for his lack of ball skills, who delivered the perfect cross which killed APIA's Cup aspirations.

And APIA wanted to prove to show they were worthy of a place in Australia's premier competition!

JOHN TAYLOR

Charlie Smith walks out

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Cullen 22 min.) JUVENTUS 0.

George: Rice 9, McConville 6, Mistud 6, Maitland 7, Barron injured (Cullen, 20th min.) Pappas 6, Webb 6, Murphy 7, Cullen 8, Reed 6, Mirak 6.

Juve: Graham 6, Henderson 6, Walker 6, Symington 7, Sabido 6, C. Lucchessi 6, Sabidussi 8, Curcio 6 (J. Lucchessi 75th min.), Watkins 7, Armstrong 6, Hutson 7.

While the cat's away the mice will play. That's a good description of the goings-on in the Juve camp before the club's Philips Cup clash with George Cross.

With coach Bobby McLachlan away in Brisbane, the Juve committee handled team selection without any sense of the comradery. It has set the boat rocking again after it looked as though McLachlan had calmed the waves.

The walkout of Charlie Smith, brought on because he was dropped, started the Juve side off on the wrong foot. Two minutes after the start of the game there was more trouble as goalkeeper Hugh Graham was shot from Robert Cullen slip under his body and into the net.

After the bad start, Juve never fully recovered, although in the last 20 minutes it was only the brilliance of George keeper Gerry Rice that prevented the Italian club getting an equaliser.

Jim Symington returned to Australia from Scotland after going back home on the death of his father. He played at sweeper, and Uli Pfisterer who recently settled his differences with the club after transfer, making for a ranted side to right back in place of the injured Pat Della Rocca.

Cross coach Billy Wilkinson, sidelined by a rib in-

jury, moved Jimmy Jim Pappas into midfield alongside John Webb and the tigerish Irishman Paul Murphy.

George's star was winger Robert Cullen. He ran all over the defence, often being them on pace alone, and set up many dangerous attacking moves. Many times he was brought down by desperate fouls, but he had enough strength to shrug off strong tackles.

Gross lost full back Derek Barron early, with a foot injury, forcing midfielder Phil Cullen, who came on as a substitute, to play in the vacant defensive position.

Barron had given Jim Armstrong a chance to score when a pass intended to reach keeper Rice fell to the Juve striker. However, he mis-cued his shot and it went wide. Later, a 'Chico' Miffud back pass stopped short but once again Juve wasted the chance with Watkins slandering the ball past the target, when the Juve players got going, they played patches of good soccer, with wingers Watkins and John Hutson prominent. Bruno Sabidussi did a lot of running in the midfield and combined well with the attack.

George's game was full of teamwork, and featured breaks in defence. The pressure the team applied prevented Juve from playing its normal slow-building, short-passing game.

Overall, the game was disappointing, with many scrappy clearances, although George's jubilant fans didn't seem to mind — KYLE PATTERSON.

Let's have senior men on the line

By PETER WINDSOR

Referee David Yelland again gave a controversial injury-time goal that changed the end result. It cost Canberra City its first home victory of the year.

It was a sensational and to a sensational game.

But let me immediately dwell on one aspect of this. In fact every Canberra home game (and perhaps all Phillips League games) that disturbs.

It is not so much the standard of refereeing — although that's far from perfect — but the woefully inadequate standard of running the lines.

I'm not aware of the interstate situation but Canberra's arrangements give Phillips League lines to second grade referees. The ACT Referees' Association pleads that it is invaluable "big match" experience.

Canberra City fans reply it is disastrous.

I'll have to agree, inevitably these "apprentices" are overawed by the occasion and make far too many fundamental errors.

The man-with-the-whistle has enough on his plate without having also to contend with inferior linesmen. These men obviously find the pace of the Phillips League too much, and that's not good enough.

Let first grade Canberra referees run Phillips League lines. They, too, would benefit from the experience and aid the better all-round control of national league games.

Back to Saturday's game.

Many things made it sensational — but two stood out.

The great fight-back by the 10-man Canberra after being 0-1 down at the break was the first.

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Boyle leads West Adelaide to 2nd place

By FRANK PANGALLO

West Adelaide Helias' remarkable "rage to riches" climb up the Phillips League table continued at the weekend with a spirited win over South Melbourne Helias.

They are now in second position behind Leaders Marconi, an achievement that would have been foolhardy to consider three weeks ago.

It was West Adelaide's third successive win against fancied opponents.

Yet there was more significance in this important victory. There was the promise of whipping their "sister" club in Melbourne, the satisfaction of proving the critics wrong and showing their fans they didn't need "big names" to win matches.

Since John Margaritis left to coach Fitzroy an aura of team spirit, determination and aggressive urgency has enveloped the Adelaide club.

The football played isn't exactly awe-inspiring and attractive but what they lack in flair is made up with tons of tenacity.

It was this approach that unsettled South Melbourne Helias in a tremendous second-half effort.

South Melbourne looked dangerous early but the boozies of brilliance were only spasmodic.

Peter Orlerton, George Campbell and Duncan Cummings were menacing up front and appeared to have the measure of West Adelaide's defence.

Midfield provided a dour struggle for dominance and although Sam Wright and Billy Rogers had bright moments it was West Adelaide's Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey who took the initiative late in the game.

West Adelaide obviously still have problems in attack and lack a positive and creative destroyer.

Big Dave Pillans played in the central attacking role but despite his height, couldn't penetrate the rugged South Melbourne defence.

As for Alex Zervas, somebody should tell the West Adelaide selection committee that his playing days are over as far as the Phillips League is concerned.

If anything his 45 minutes on the field were a burden rather than a boon.

"White Peter" George Campbell has yet to produce his best but was instrumental in a number of early South Melbourne attacks and played a great part in South's first goal.

In the 29th minute he beautifully set up Orlerton with a great pass across the field, but the bustling Socorro's shot couldn't beat goalkeeper Marty Crook.

A minute later Campbell collected the ball in his own half and sliced a pass to Rogers who cracked a blistering drive which Crook failed to hold. The ball trickled to an unmarked Orlerton who easily tapped it in the net.

But Crook proved to be the hero of the first half and saved magnificently five minutes later when he palmed a deflected header from Orlerton around the upright.

West Adelaide's persistence paid off three minutes from half time when Graham Honeyman played for a run in the area and was brought down trying to force his way past Margaritis Hegenmanouli and Chris Kafalidis.

Referee Denis Stanley who controlled the game superbly awarded a penalty and stopper Con Kampas converted.

West appealed for a penalty three minutes after the break when

WA-Helias 3 SN-Helias 1

McGregor appeared to be tripped inside the area, but Stanley wasn't moved.

It heralded the start of another second-half revival but Orlerton could have probably changed the course of the game had he scored from close-range with a header.

Boyle exploded in midfield in another inspired performance and was involved in his side's subsequent goals.

In the 76th minute Boyle lobbed the ball into the area, and a Honeyman burst through to volley a shot into the roof of the net.

Graham Norris came on in the 81st minute, but his rashness and exuberance could have proved tragic for his side.

Without consulting referee Stanley in the usual substitution procedure, Norris dashed onto the field as Boyle was scorching goalwards and it was fortunate the resultant shot went into the side netting.

Had Boyle scored, the goal would have been disallowed.

Norris was booked and, it seemed, so was South goalkeeper John Hansen who had a verbal exchange with Stanley during the incident.

West Adelaide continually swept forward and it was inevitable another goal would come.

Three minutes from full-time Reynolds took a long throw which found the head of Pillans who in turn nodded it down to Boyle on the edge of the area. Boyle aimed wildly at the goal and the ball managed to reach full-back Peter Tymoczyn in the box to tuck away his first goal in the Phillips League.

West Adelaide's string resurgence and Adelaide City's new imports should ensure a record crowd next Sunday at Olympic Sports Field.

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scored from a Barnes pass in the 85th minute.

An increasingly desperate Takac tried to revive his team by introducing new blood. Durial replacing Hegenman, after Jim Vassila had come on earlier for Rendell who was unable to continue after the tackle by Campbell.

In the 90th minute Phil O'Connor, one of the few Saints to distinguish himself, beat everybody once again — only to see his drive rebound from the foot of the left upright.

Mark Trenter made his debut doubly memorable by poaching a cheeky goal in the 93rd minute of play, to set the seal on a win which took the Blues back into the top four.

Trenter, incidentally, is not a striker, but a seemingly able and talented defender. If his efforts in training sessions are any indication.

Last Sunday, drafted into the unaccustomed centre-forward position, he made a good fit of the role assigned to him by coach Gerry Chalid, keeping at least two defenders constantly occupied with deft footwork, combined with some disconcerting hustle and bustle.

However, a new team is slowly taking shape, and could, in the long term, herald another "golden age" for the Blues.

As for St George, they have bit rock bottom and the only way is up.

KREFT SACKED

Adelaide Juventus sacked its coach Edmund Kreft on Monday. He was replaced by Les Scheinflug, former National team captain who coached Brisbane Lions, Western Suburbs, Croatia Sydney and Marconi.

Kreft's sacking came two days after Juventus had lost 0-3 to Alexander.

HAKOAH INTER-CLUB TRANSFER

Bobby Smith, Luis DeMilo, and Greg Lynch are expected to be on the transfer list to be made public by Hakoh-East at the weekend.

Smith, a tough, industrious midfielder, will be on the list at his own request and should suit any Phillips League club.

DeMilo is a midfielder who played for Brazilian club Flamengo and for Brazil's 1986 Olympic team.

Lynch, a former Hakoh captain, has recently been on loan to Olympic.

Another player expected to be transfer-listed is midfielder Keith Clapham.



Alexander, U.S.T. clash on Saturday

By LAURIE SCHWAB

After struggling all season at the bottom of the ladder, Fitzroy Alexander has become a contender for the top four after its dashing victory over Adelaide Juventus which made too many changes to remain an effective team.

Alexander's ambitions will be put to the test when it meets Footscray J.U.S.T. at Schiltner Reserve, Footscray, on Saturday.

Both teams have their sights set on the top four in what is probably the tightest competition in Australian soccer history.

If Jim Campbell, Mike Micevski and Theo Selamidis power Alexander to victory over JUST their team will be well in the running, with 13 points.

And JUST could find itself slipping to near the bottom of the ladder.

However, if JUST wins, and also beats Brisbane Lions in the postponed game in Brisbane on June 5, the Yugoslav outfit would have 14 points — which could be enough for a place in the top four even at this stage.

Meanwhile, South Melbourne Helias should continue its pressure on league leader Marconi by beating Canberra City at Middle Park on Saturday.

Alexander deserves special praise for its 3-0 victory over Adelaide Juventus, for the win was achieved without captain Pat Bannon who was still out injured, and Branko Buljevic who limped off in the 22nd minute, to be replaced by Mike Micevski.

Buljevic had been in doubt before the game, as he was carrying an injury sustained in the Phillips Cup match against Slavia last Wednesday.

But Bannon and Buljevic could not have done much better than their replacements, Theo Selamidis and Micevski.

These two did all the damaging midfield work and Micevski figured in all three goals.

Whereas Selamidis, Micevski and Ken Taylor were confident, aggressive and creative in midfield, Juventus had no midfield at all.

Coach Edmund Kraft must have regretted using all four imports — Pat McCuskey, Graham Fyfe, John Kosmina and Jim Muir.

As a result of their inclusion, Gary Marconi and Harry Kolecki were left back home in Adelaide and John Bear and Brian Northcole were on the bench.

The wholesale changes made good team work almost impossible.



Adelaide Juventus midfielder John Perin (right) goes around Alexander's Jim O'Reilly. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

4 games in 9 days

Footscray J.U.S.T. is to play four games in nine days under a reshuffle of Phillips League fixtures.

What's more, J.U.S.T. is to have two of its scheduled Sunday matches changed to Saturday.

J.U.S.T. president Tony Kovac and his committee are fuming! The club's forthcoming matches are: v Alexander at Schiltner Reserve on Saturday, v Helias in the Phillips Cup at Olympic Park next Wednesday night, v Brisbane City at Schiltner Reserve on Saturday, June 3 and v Brisbane Lions in a postponed match in Brisbane on Monday, June 5.

The game against Alexander, originally set for Olympic Park on Sunday, was moved to Saturday because Victoria plays against Dundee on Sunday.

The game against Adelaide Juventus, scheduled for Sunday, June 13, has also been moved to the Saturday because of Australia's game against Greece.

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Andy Bzikas storms towards goal. In the background is Frank Lister.



Adelaide Juventus full back Bugsy Nyskohus jumps into the arms of Jim Tansey.

Marconi 'not over-rated'

Alexander coach John Margaritis has denied press reports that he called Marconi "over rated."

The claim was attributed to him after West Adelaide Helias, the club he used to coach, lost 0-2 to Marconi.

"I never said Marconi was over-rated," Margaritis said this week.

"All I said was that if I had had the services of a John Kosmina or a Peter Sharpe that day, we may have beaten Marconi, because I think we had the better of play."

"Nevertheless, Marconi is an excellent team — a good blend of old foxes and young players."

"And it also has a fine coach in Rale Rasic whom I respect greatly."

"However, Marconi is unbeatable. No team is un-

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Olympic gives new coach a fine draw

By JOHN TAYLOR

It's official. George Gibson is the new coach of Sydney Olympic.

Tom Anderson has been sacked as coach. But only after Olympic had produced their best performance of the season to hold Marconi to a 1-1 all draw at Wentworth Park, was the change of coaches officially known.

Olympic president John Constantine revealed after the match that Anderson's contract had been terminated on Monday, May 15—six days before they were due to play Marconi.

Constantine said that his club and Anderson had parted on mutual terms.

Why was Gibson's appointment kept secret?

Constantine replied: "We didn't want to upset the players and Anderson had requested the club make the announcement on the Sunday."

Funny thing that Anderson should have left the shores when Gibson's appointment became official.

Anderson left on Sunday for Argentina on a working assignment, but his sacking as coach was always on the cards after failing to get results.

Olympic were a rejuvenated team against Marconi.

And for the first time in weeks they played as if they meant business.

Strange that they should save their best effort of the season for

the clash with the competition pacemakers.

Olympic enjoyed the first half honors, but it was Marconi who had by far the best of the second half.

Olympic's Mike Cross missed a crucial last minute goal that would have sent Marconi tumbling to their first defeat.

Cross hesitated with the goal at his mercy and Marconi goalie Alan Maher charged out to block the shot.

But if Cross muffed that one, then Marconi's Peter Sharpe made a terrible blunder when he too missed an open goal in the 19th minute.

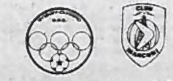
Sharpe had all the time in the world to put the ball into the net with nobody to beat. He took too long and his soft shot was cleared off the line by Richie Bell who found himself in the net after making the brilliant save.

Soccer was the winner on the day and the crowd—given as 6702, but thought to be many more—appreciated the free flowing football served up.

Olympic's two Greek guest players Con Davouris and Bill Stravopodis injected plenty of life to Olympic's attack in the first half.

Stravopodis, Mike Cross and Alec Jamieson combined effectively in midfield and never allowed Marconi to dictate matters.

The men who caused most con-



Olympic 1 Marconi 1

cern for Olympic were Sharpe and left back Paul Degney.

While Marconi concentrated mainly on breakaways in the first half, Sharpe and Degney certainly came into their own in the second half.

Alec Jamieson put Olympic one goal up in the 40th minute—a goal that should have been saved by Marconi's Allan Maher.

Maher was too far off his line when Jamieson hit the ball from 30 metres. It floated high and suddenly dipped into the net.

The interest was now whether Olympic could continue to take the attack to Marconi.

It wasn't long after half time before Marconi showed their brilliance and Vieri, who had a quiet first half, found his touch.

In the 57th minute, Vieri hit powerfully from point blank range but Olympic's young goalie Gary Meier saved splendidly.

But a minute later Vieri knocked in the equaliser from a Degney cross.

That was the tonic Marconi needed and they turned on some dazzling football.

Olympic managed to brave the Marconi onslaught with a fair share of help from goalie Meier.



Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher smotheres the ball with Derek Laing (Olympic) appealing. Jimmy Rooney is there to lend a hand.

Referees boycott Avala and Yugal

Sydney referees meant business when they went on strike and refused to handle matches Avala and Yugal clubs were involved in.

The NSW Federation was forced to postpone two games last weekend—Avala versus Marrieville and Yugal versus Arncliffe—because of the referees' strike.

Referees president George Pedler said his men would not officiate at any matches these two clubs were involved in because of the crowd riot the weekend before.

The NSW executive met with the referees on Sunday morning but the matter wasn't resolved.

A further meeting will be held this week to try and sort out the problem.

Two goals by livewire Terry Jones in space of 90 seconds set Melita for a well deserved victory over APIA at Garside Park.

Melita won 2-0 in a hard fought but very entertaining game.

APIA were a mere shadow of their mid-week performance against St. George and paid the penalty.

Wingers, Terry Jones and Brian Parker tore gaps in the APIA defence which struggled for most of the first half.

The first goal came in the 14th minute from a curling freekick by Richard Yamine which Jones slot-

ted home from only two metres out.

Cumberland swept to a four-point lead on the SA Rothmans State League table with another laborious second-half effort.

In a virtual replay of past performances, they came from behind to beat Elizabeth City 2-1.

After six rounds, they are still the only side to remain unbeaten and have ousted Enfield Victoria as early favorites for the championship.

Cumberland were on top for most of the first half but found themselves down at half-time after Norman Lees headed the ball from a break-away.

They completely dominated the second period and got an equaliser from Brian Welch early before David Leane scored the winner in the 62nd minute.

Ninety seconds later, Jones struck again when he headed into the net a perfect cross by Ian McGovern.

APIA was unlucky not to get a goal in the 24th minute.

David Jack failed to hit a cross bar rebound into an empty net.

In the second half, APIA lifted their game but their forwards lacked penetration.

State League premiers, Croatia, took only 35 seconds to score their first goal in a 4-2 hammering of Toongabbie at the Sydney Sports ground.

Just after the kick-off, Marion Kovacic received a quick throw from Greg Smith, whose looping cross found Abi Abonyi storming in on a 20 metre run.

Abonyi met the cross perfectly with his head, leaving the Toongabbie goalkeeper Peter Freeman flat-footed.

Croatia continued to dominate and after 20 minutes grabbed their second goal when Kovacic flicked a ball to Maurice Sullivan, who with the Toongabbie defence appealing for handball, prodded the ball home from close range.

Two minutes later, Kovacic again played a prominent part in the seemingly never-ending as-

sault on the Toongabbie goal.

His low, hard cross completely deceived the Toongabbie defence and Bob Russell was off hand to glide the ball into the net.

Toongabbie received a temporary respite from the pressure when in the 28th minute on one of their rare attacks Larry Armityage was pulled down by the Croatia keeper Steve Watson and Jim Izatt made no mistake with the penalty.

But Toongabbie's respite was short lived. Just four minutes later Abonyi scored his second and Croatia's fourth goal, after a cross

from Sullivan and a touch by Kovacic found the ex-Socceroo with the goal at his mercy.

The second half was played at a far less hectic pace and in the 72nd minute Toongabbie pulled another goal back when Izatt sent a high ball over the Croatia defence into the path of Armityage. His first-time shot was blocked by Watson but Armityage kept his head and was able to push the ball home from the rebound.

With Monaro's game against Bankstown postponed the win puts Croatia one point ahead of the top of the Rothmans State League.

NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

This week's games

SATURDAY
Melita v Yugal, Garside Park.

SUNDAY
Apia v Bankstown, Lambert Park.

Monaro v Croatia, Marco Polo.

Toongabbie v Avala, Girraween.

M'ville Olympic v Auburn, Arlington Oval.

Sutherland v Manly, Seymour Shaw.

Granville v Arncliffe, Garside Park.

But Abum quickly found their rhythm after the break.

Nine minutes into the second half Derek Sidney beat two defenders and slipped the ball across the goal mouth for Andy Tracey to hammer it home from ten metres.

Sutherland almost equalised within a minute when Jim Besterfield drove the ball from 30 metres but keeper Paul Griffin pulled off a fine save.

Auburn made it 2-0 in the 77th minute when Tracey collected the ball in his own half, raced upfield unchanged and steered a hard, low shot past Bill Craggs.

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Cumberland still unbeaten at top

By FRANK PANGALLO

Croatia is making a bid for championship honors and are now second following a strong 3-1 win over Noarlunga United.

It seems Noarlunga's run of good fortune has fizzled out and the once glamor side could soon be the chopping block for other teams unless there is a drastic improvement in midfield.

Victoria's hopes of keeping up with Cumberland went sliding after they went down 2-1 to Para Hills.

Although Victoria was the more positive and elegant side, Para Hills' dogged determination won them the game.

Azzurri bounced back to winning form with a 2-0 victory over hopeless Beograd.

The goals came from veteran Joe Serafini, who is having a great

season in front of goal, and Tim Alder.

Lion's poor finishing in front of goal probably denied them a victory over Polonia.

It was a woeful game, and the only interest for yawning spectators were the many chances Lion squandered in front of goal on their way to a 2-1 win.

Peter Kovacic scored after only two minutes and shortly before half-time Steve Cagliano made it 2-0 with a great run inside the area.

Polonia managed to pull one back shortly after the break through Gerry Pettit but Lion maintained control.

Placings after six rounds: Cumberland 11 pts, Croatia 7, Lion 7, Azzurri 6, Noarlunga 5, Victoria 6, Elizabeth 5, Para Hills 5, Polonia 5, Beograd 1.

Tribute to Beckenbauer

"I am very proud. It is a big honor for me to have this day, and celebrate with the beautiful people, the beautiful crowd in the world. I promise the Cosmos will try very hard to bring the North American championship once again to this stadium and to you," Beckenbauer told the crowd.

Brazilian star and former teammate Pele paid tribute to Beckenbauer with a classic and elegant

Beckenbauer, inside and outside the field.

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The stars to watch

Who will be the big names during the World Cup Finals in Argentina?

This week we profile some of the stars expected to play a key role in Argentina.

More players will be featured next week.



RENE HOUSEMAN — aged 24, Club: Huracan. Terrorised the Italian defence during the 1974 World Cup in Munich with his dazzling wing play. Kicked a tin around the streets of Buenos Aires as a youngster, and is a special hero among the children of Carlos Luis Menotti who was coach at Huracan from 1971-74. Argentina will rely heavily on this fast and brave striker.



ROBERTO BETTEGA — 27, Juventus. Suffered from Tuberculosis which threatened to wreck his career. Forced to quit soccer but fought back tenaciously and made his debut for Italy in 1975. Now one of the best strikers in Europe — strong but nimble and devastating in the penalty area. Scored a classic three goals against Finland in a World Cup qualifying match — one with his head, one with his right foot, and one with his left.

Pictured: Jubilant Juventus players do a lap of honor after beating Lanerossi of Vicenza 3-2 to clinch their fifth Italian major league championship in seven years. Players in the foreground, from left: Tardelli, Bettega and Cabrini. All three will play for Italy in the World Cup finals.



LEONARDO CUELLAR — 26, Mexico University. Described as the "brains" of the Mexican team by coach Jose Antonio, a flamboyant midfield player with an Afro hair style and bushy beard.



GRZEGORZ LATO — 28, Stal Mielec. Top scorer in the 1974 finals with seven goals, including the one that gave Poland a 1-0 win over Brazil to ensure them third place. Took the place of Lubanski, and quickly established himself as a lightning fast striker capable of upsetting the best defences. In Argentina Lubanski will be back alongside Lato, as will Andrzej Szarmach who scored five goals in the 1974 finals.

Record 106 entries

Only 13 countries entered the first World Cup in Uruguay in 1930. For West Germany in 1974 there were a record 97 entries.

But the 1978 World Championships have established a new record. A total of 106 countries took part until only 16 are left to contest the finals.

Entries over the years have been:

1930 (Uruguay)	13
1934 (Italy)	29
1938 (France)	26
1950 (Brazil)	28
1954 (Switzerland)	36
1958 (Sweden)	53
1962 (Chile)	57
1966 (England)	71
1970 (Mexico)	73
1974 (W. Germany)	97
1978 (Argentina)	106



RAINER BONHOF — age 26 Club: Borussia Moenchengladbach. Began his career as a central defender with only limited success, being particularly vulnerable in the air. Switched to midfield and was a revelation. Instrumental in West Germany winning the World Cup in 1974 with his driving enthusiasm, inspiring his colleagues when the going was toughest. Powerful player with a thundering shot, particularly from free-kicks.

1974 scorers

All scorers in the 1974 finals in Germany:

- 7—Lato (Poland).
- 5—Szarmach (Poland), Neeskens (Holland).
- 4—Mueller (Germany), Rep (Holland), Edstroem (Sweden).
- 3—Cruyff (Holland), Breitner (Germany), Bajevic (Yugo), Rivelino (Brazil), Houseman (Argentina), Deyna (Poland).
- 2—Overath (Germany), Strelch (East Germany), Jordan (Scotland), Surjak, Karasi (Yugo), Jairzinho (Brazil), Sandberg (Sweden), Sanon (Haiti), Ayala (Argentina).
- 1—Hoffman, Sparwasser (E. Germany), Ahumada (Chile), Cullman, Bonhof, Grabowski, Hoeness (Germany), Lorimer (Scotland), Dzajic, Katalinski, Bogicevic, Oblak, Petkovic (Yugo), Valdomiro (Brazil), Bonev (Bulgaria), Pavoni (Uruguay), de Jong, Krol, Rensenbrink (Holland), Capello, Rivera, Benetti, Anastasi (Italy), Heredia, Babington, Yazalde, Brindisi (Argentina), Gorgon (Poland), Torstensson (Sweden).

Own goals: Curran (Australia), Krol (Holland), Perfurmo (Argentina).

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MARCONI HEAD

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Can there be any doubt that Marconi will win the 1978 Philips League championship? Hardly!

Last year Marconi missed out only one goal difference. Champion Hakoah was three goals better than Marconi yet Marconi beat Hakoah 4-2 and drew 1-1 in their two league games.

Since the start of the 1977 season, Marconi has lost only five games — and one of them only on penalties to Brisbane City in the Philips Cup final.

The other losses were also last year, to Adelaide Juventus 0-4 and 0-1, to Canberra 0-1 and to Brisbane Lions 0-1.

At the start of this season, captain Jimmy Rooney said: "Marconi should win something this year. I feel it in my Scottish bones."

But even Rooney would not have imagined that Marconi would be leading the league by such a big margin so early in the season.

All the major challengers have already crashed to the Marconi machine — Western Suburbs 2-6, South Melbourne Hellas 0-3, Brisbane Lions 0-3, to name just a few.

Sound planning and stability are Marconi's main virtues.

Rale Rasic rejoined as manager-coach in 1976 and has moulded a sound team through patience and expert judgement.

With the exception of Mark Jankovic, bought from St. George, the present team is the same as the one that played for most of 1977.

Other clubs, meanwhile have had player turnovers of varying degrees.

Marconi is doing big things

off the playing field as well.

The first stage of a million-dollar improvement programme to Marconi Oval has been completed, with the opening of a new grandstand. Marconi actually owns the land on which it is situated — something of which few Australian clubs can boast.

A professionally-produced magazine-programme is being produced for every home game and the search is on for the "supporter of the year". The winner will get a silver ring featuring the Marconi club's badge.

Marconi also has probably the most progressive junior network in Australia and features a back-up coaching staff of Jim Fraser and David Keddie to assist Rasic. Both are former Socceros.

Success is never an accident. In Marconi's case it is the result of hard work and sound planning by a committee led by president Tony Labbozzetta.

Carlo Zaccariotto and Frank Labbozzetta laid the groundwork for what is Marconi, 1978.

Of course there have been

other successes in the past — the Inter-City Cup in 1972, the NSW grand final victory of 1973 and the Rosso Antico Cup triumph early this year.

Rosso Antico is Marconi's sponsor. The Italian apparel firm is backing Marconi with \$200,000 over three years. It is the richest sponsorship in the league.

Marconi was born in 1960 as part of the youth centre of the Marconi social club.

Mr Felice Zadro, who was then president of the youth centre, was the pioneer and promoter, together with Lorenzo Sartoretto, Mario Torri, Antonio Sartoretto, Antonio Fornasier, Angelo Castarin, Dennis Munari and Giuseppe Cessario.

The team's first coach was Mario Fantl, now in Italy.

In 1961, with A. Fornasier as president and A. Del Caro as coach, Marconi joined the Southern District Soccer Association, coming second.

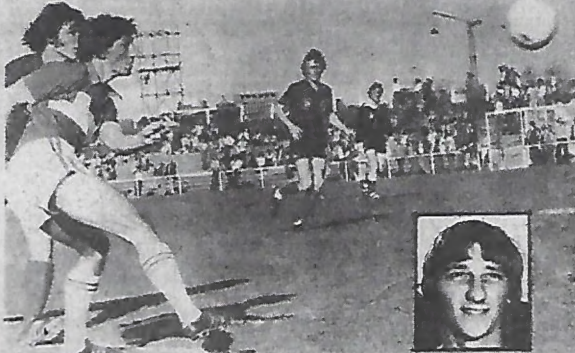
In 1963 Marconi became a member of the NSW Federation, leaving a team of juniors in the Southern District and winning the first division amateur competition in its first federation year.

It also won the amateur cup, beating Sydney Austral at Wentworth Park in front of 15,000 spectators.

Under new coach Mario Danelli, Marconi joined the

JIMMY ROONEY, 32, one of the legendary figures of Australian soccer. Capped 46 times for Australia, and has also represented Victoria and N.S.W. Victorian player of the year while with Essendon Lions in 1965, and Australian player of the year last season. Previous clubs: Peterborough United

(England), Montrose (Scotland), Essendon Lions, Prague, A.P.A. Rooney's pictured showing typical tenaciousness against his former A.P.A. team-mate Billy Rogers, now with South Melbourne Hellas. Joined Marconi 1976.



PETER SHARNE, 22, recent performances have firmly established ro-ket Sharne as one of the most feared goalscoring tank-men in the Philips League. Against South Melbourne Hellas and St. George he clinically dissected his unfortunate opponents with sheer speed and skill — and he'll do that to many more full backs before the season is over. Capped once for Australia, he is in the Australian squad

against Greece and should firmly establish himself as an international regular — a new Abony! Previous clubs: Landseale Juniors, Liverpool City and South Districts representative sides. Joined Marconi 1973. Sharne is pictured in action against J.U.S.T.'s Jim Kondarlis (left) and Zoran Iloski (centre).



RAY RICHARDS, 32, like Rooney, this man is a giant of Australian soccer. Capped 32 times, Richards the long-throw specialist is also a successful businessman, with two sports stores in Sydney and one in Brisbane. His business commitments kept him away from Marconi early in the season but he came back as good as ever. Has been playing as a defensive midfielder or back four man lately, but still explosive when he decides to come forward.

Like Rooney, he played in the 1974 World Cup finals and in 1972 it was Richards who marked Pale out of the game when Australia met Santos at Sydney Sports Ground. Joined Marconi in 1968. Previous clubs: Latrobe (Old), Hollandia (Old), Sydney Croatia. Richards is pictured in action against Reims of Chile during the scoreless draw in the World Cup finals.



PETER BROGAN, centre back, big, strong defender who came up through the ranks and broke into the senior squad this year.



DRAGAN TOMASIC, first appearance in the senior squad this year.



DAVID POLZOT, like Brogan and Tomasic, has just broken into the senior squad.



IVO PRSKALO, 30, by far the best sweeper in the Philips League. Whereas so many defenders simply belt the ball upfield, Prskalo epitomises Marconi's skilful approach. It's not surprising that Prskalo's favorite player is another skilful sweeper, the great Franz Beckenbauer. Ivo hopes to become a coach

in Yugoslavia when he finishes playing. Joined Marconi in 1976 from Yugoslavia where he played 380 first team matches in 15 years with Velez Mostar, and was also a Yugoslav youth representative. Ivo is pictured trying in vain to prevent J.U.S.T.'s Mendo Ristovski from shooting.



PAUL DEGNEY, 25, this dynamic left back has finally been selected to an Australia squad (against Greece) and the honor is long overdue. It's impossible to stop him once he storms down the flank — and those runs are often capped by a goal, as is the case in the picture which shows him scoring one

against Nick Rakovalis in Marconi's 6-1 thrashing of Alexander last year. Joined Marconi in 1972. Representative honors: Schoolboys tour of New Caledonia, 1970; NSW under 23s. Previous clubs: Arncliffe and Caras Park Juniors, Melita Eagles, St. George, Sutherland.



GARY BYRNE, 23, was Marconi's best games due to injury. So says Jimmy Rooney. Byrne is fast, tireless, but above all extra midfield. However, he's been named at full back by coach Rasic. Byrne has been capped 22 times and will beat Peter Wilson's record of 62 caps. Previous clubs: Camden Juniors, Southern con in 1971. Gary is pictured in action at J.U.S.T.



BERTIE MARIANI, 22, tall, strong, striker as well. For example, it's not unusual to back the opposition. A moment later he'll be at goal. Many feel Mariani should have in Greece games, as should Jankovic. Play and under 16 representative sides. Joined Marconi in a heading duel with South II above Billy Rogers. At bottom left is Ma

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cond division in 1964 and on the C.O.N.I. Cup, beating PIA reserves 2-0. In 1965, due to new rules introduced by the Federation, Marconi returned to amateur ranks, but the following year, under coach Joe Vavary, the club came back to the second division. In 1967, Marconi soccer club became an independent body detached from the

social club, but still with the Marconi club as its headquarters.

Some of Marconi's stars of the past include: Les Scheinflug (also Prague, Australia, NSW), Johnny Giacomelli (APIA), John Roche (Australia), Alfredo Moschen (Lazio, Palermo), George Kinnell (Sutherland, Juventus Melbourne, Western Suburbs), Alan Griffiths

(Sutherland), Rudi Danajevits (Czech under 23 International), Bob Connelly (Melbourne), Peter Wilson and Max Tolson (South Coast and Australia). The Marconi social club's first committee in 1958-59 was: O. Michelini (president), F. Benedetti, A. Pesotto, A. Zullian, R. Sartor, F. Zadro, V. Florelli, L. Zampragno, R. Bagatella, A. Benedetti.



ALLAN MAHER, 27, national team goalkeeper with 13 caps, was a member of Australia's 1974 World Cup squad, although he didn't play in any of the final matches. Nothing short of brilliant, Maher is now widely known as "Spider" because he seems to have eight arms when under pressure. Joined Marconi first

grade 1975. Previous clubs: North Rocks Juniors, Sutherland, Granville, Western Suburbs. Allan is pictured making a save in Marconi's 3-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas this year. Other players, from left: Paul Degney, Mark Jankovic, Billy Rogers (Hellas), Bertie Mariani.



this season before he missed a few to should know what he's talking about. Intelligent in building up the game from the back, Maher is a player who, many years ahead of him, he could well rival from England at the age of 11. He is under 16s, Sutherland. Joined Marconi in another midfield star, Joe Piccone of



BARRY JONES, 25, fast, aggressive and skilful full back who, like Degney on the other side, loves to go forward and support attacks. Barry is yet another local boy. He was a Southern District representative player for six years, played for NSW under 21 and also the full N.S.W. team. Previous clubs: Villawood East, Villawood Diamonds, Villawood Bombers. Joined Marconi third grade in 1969. Barry is pictured in action against Mirko Rujovic of J.U.S.T.



takes part in all the other facets of play. Jim next to a centre back, helping turn the ball at the other end, heading or shooting. He is under 16s, Sutherland. Joined Marconi in the Australian squad for the Southern Districts under 14, under 15 and third grade team in 1972. Mariani is a local player, rising high in the ranks.



JOHN RUSSELL, 27, centre back, bought from APFA last year when Les Hucker was injured, and quickly established himself as the regular partner for Ivo Prskalo. Has one cap for Australia and the talent to

deserve further selection. John is pictured (far right) as Allan Maher makes a save. Also in the picture is Jimmy Rooney.



ROBERTO VIERI, 32, the smartest, most skilful and most experienced footballer in Australia. Few would argue the point. Vieri was a member of Italy's 1970 World Cup squad and has played in the company of such players as Rivera, Anastasi, Del Sol, Amarildo, Bet, Haller, Zigoni, Schnellinger, Hamrin, Domenghini, Mazzola, Suarez... need one go on? After queuing with Marconi last year, he's now on a two-year contract. Previous clubs: Prato, St. George, Fiorentina, Sampdoria, Juventus, Roma, Bologna (all Italy), Metros Croatia (Canada).



MARK JANKOVIC, striker, bought from St. George for about \$7000 early this year and has justified Rale Rasic's faith in him by shooting to the top of the State League goalscoring list. Vieri says of him: "He plays with his head. If he were in Europe, I guarantee he would have success". Jankovic is the ideal team player — running back to win the ball

and to defend, running off the ball extremely well and setting up chances for others when he can't score himself. He's pictured in action as Alexander players desperately clear the ball out of defence. Players pictured, from left: Jim Campbell, Bertie Mariani, Pat Bannon, Jankovic, Jim O'Reilly.



FABIO FABRIANESI, goalkeeper, joined from Wollongong last year as understudy for Allan Maher. Was recently loaned to N.S.W. State League leader Inter-Monaro for a short period.



RICHIE WILLIAMS, 22, winger. Richie is young and determined and it shouldn't take him long to get a regular place in the team. Previous clubs: Bankstown, Granville, Southern Districts. Joined Marconi third grade, 1972.



STEWART SELVAGE, midfielder, joined from Yugal early last year and specialises in marking dangerous opponents out of the game, as he did to Rudi Danajevits in the game against St. George. On top of that, he also has the ability to dominate midfield play the way Jimmy Rooney does.



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player of year award are —

SUNSHINE V CROATIA

3 Kokoska (Cro),

2 Nelson (Sun),

1 Mussel (Suns)

GREEN GULLY V ALBION

3 Carr (Gully),

2 McCarthy (Gully),

1 Donaldson (Hakoah)

RINGWOOD V HAKOAH

3 Carraby (Hakoah),

2 Verniers (Ring),

1 Owens (Hak)

ALBION: Green, Daparis (Protheroe

53rd), Blair, McCloskey, Johnstone,

McIntyre, Davidson, Greenish, Mitten,

McComack (Sent off 72nd), Gull,

Green Gully Ajax moved

four places up the table after

recording the clubs biggest

win in the State League

against an unlucky Albion

side which had Bill McCormack

sent off in addition to the

long list of injuries, un-

availabilities and players in

dispute with the club.

Ajax welcomed Steve Carr, who

came from the UK on the weekend,

and despite still feeling the effects

of the long flight, played a good

game at centre forward. He scored

the best goal of the game and

busted enough to show he will be

an asset once he acclimates.

Albion coach Tommy

McPherson had a scratch side

without the services of

Maikoula and Alan Lenders (in

dispute with the club), Gordon

Nabst and Gordon Bower (both

injured) and Jeff Oliver and Mick

Davies — both of whom were

playing with the Victorian Under 19

team in Brisbane.

But let's not take away any credit

from Ajax.

The team hit the front in the 10th

minute after stand-in keeper Jim

Green spilled the ball following a

corner and Ian McCarthy, fol-

lowing up, poked the ball towards

an empty net. The ball was helped

in by an Albion defender's hand,

and referee Gaul pointed to the

spot. Steve Bennie coolly slotted

the ball past green.

Albion played its best football

midway through the first half, and

a quick exchange passes between

Kil Greaves and Geoff Mitten

ended with Mitten shooting just

wide.

Ajax went further ahead after the

restart — again from a penalty.

This time it was for a foul on Carr

Green got a touch to Bennie's kick,

but couldn't stop it going in.

Donaldson, playing his best

game since moving to fullback,

— PETER DESIRA

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POSTPONED

SUNSHINE V GEORGE CROSS

SLAVIA V ALTONA

3 Short (Slav),

2 Williams (Slav)

1 Brown (Al)

FRANKSTON V MAKEDONIA

3 Adams (Frank),

2 McGregor (Franka),

1 Petrovski (Mak)

Leading votegetters are —

8 Whiteside (Hak)

7 Cumming (Cro), Denys

(Gully), Sabidussi (Jura), Walker

(Jura), Dixer (Slav),

6 Taylor (Al), Irvine (Franka),

Milaud (Geo), Yzendoron (Slav),

Bernard (Mak),

5 Kerr (Cro), Krcenovic (Cro),

Kokoska (Cro), McCownley (Geo),

McCarthy (Gully) Carnaby (Ring),

Coulson (Ring),

4 McCuskey (Ley), O'Brien

(Gully), Gramsberger (Xit), Gardiner

(Cro), Peterson (Franka),

(Gully), Short (Slav),

(Gully), O. Nelson (Suns).

Leading goalkeepers —

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Leading goalkeepers —

SUNSHINE CITY 1 (R. Nelson 38th) ESSENDON

CROATIA 1 (Gilder 84th) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine.

SUNSHINE: Scholten 7, Dixey 7, Lowe 8, Ellis 8, Howe 7, Mussel 8, Banagan 8, R.

Nelson 8, Laing 7, Pocock 8, McRobert 6.

CROATIA: Franic 6, Smart 8, Kokoska 9, Gardiner 6 (Dullina 8, 70th minute),

Blair 7, Andrews 7, Kerr 7 (sent off 64th), Murphy 7, Cumming 7, Gilder 6, Votek 7

(Frank 79th).

Sunshine City came so close to scoring the upset of

the season but failed to capitalise on its breakaway at-

tacks when Croatia was throwing caution to the wind in

a desperate drive for the equalising goal.

With Croatia reduced to 10 men by the sending off of Alan Kerr in the

64th minute Sunshine, already leading 1-0, had its chances to make sure of

the two points, but failed in the face of Croatia's barrage.

In the 72nd minute, Mike Franic came a long way out of goal but failed to

get the ball. Ray Pocock squared it into the middle to unmarked Terry

Banagan but Banagan's shot was cleared off the line by Grant Smart who

had dropped back to cover.

Three minutes later, Pocock crossed Smart of the ball in midfield and

spurred it to Jim McRobert, who crossed to the far post. Franic could only

get a touch of the ball, which dropped to Banagan, who hit the side netting.

In another Sunshine break Banagan played the ball square to Frank

Mussel, who slammed it over the bar from 15 metres.

Mussel and Banagan were working very hard in midfield during the

period and Croatia had two more let-offs when Franic held a close shot by

Steve Ellis and Pocock shot too high after a good square run past the

defence.

And so, Croatia could easily have lost this game by two goals or more,

but it survived the pressure well and in the last 10 minutes showed true

champion's form to fight back and draw 1-1.

What swung the game Croatia's way was play-coach John Gardiner's

decision to replace himself with forward Frank Gullin in the 70th minute.

The move left Croatia with only three defenders instead of four, but ad-

ded an extra man to the attack.

Gullin threw himself into the play, cheered on by the crowd of about

4000 and in the first half and getting tangled up in the 70th minute.

Four minutes from the end, Gullin could have scored himself but after

stomping through the middle to a cross from Ante Blavzer, he couldn't con-

nect properly with the ball, and managed only to put it wide of goal.

It was an exciting, thoroughly entertaining game, full of drama and per-

sonal endeavour.

Robbie Nelson, scorer of Sunshine's goal, had a great first half and in

the second half he prevented a goal by clearing desperately after

goalkeeper John Scholten had dropped the ball after felling

Steve Ellis and Nick Lowe, Sunshine's powerful centre backs, beat Carl

Gilder until the last few minutes when he scored a goal and had a few other

shots.

Hugh Howe had an interesting tussle with former Sunshine man Tommy

Cumming, with honors about even. Cumming's fault was that he overdid

the dribbling.

Frank Mussel and Terry Banagan, the other two midfielders, worked

hard and Ray Pocock pounced on every ball and was alert to every open-

ing.

Howard Andrews did great midfield work for Croatia until he tired in the

second half but Ken Murphy who had been a little quieter early, started

doing more to compensate.

Grant Smart had yet another excellent game at right back and Steve

Kokoska was brilliant at centre back while also coming forward for corners

and free kicks.

Billy Votek was the unluckiest man of the match, twice hitting the

woodwork in the first half and getting tangled up inside the penalty area

when he could have scored after Scholten had spilled an attempt by Cum-

ming.

Jim McRobert could have scored for Sunshine in the first half when he

found the ball unexpectedly at his feet after a slip by a Croatia defender. So

surprised was McRobert that he hit the ball almost as an afterthought, and

Frank had no trouble saving.

Votek, who had hit the post earlier, side-footed the ball against the

cross-bar while in mid-air to meet a cross from Gilder in the 35th minute.

Then came Sunshine's goal.

From a corner conceded by Franic, who tipped a Nelson free kick over

the crossbar, Billy Votek headed the ball down to Nelson who smashed it

low into the net.

Alan Kerr, who plays for Victoria against Dundee on Sunday, was sent

off after Tony Beazleigh for dissent after Beazleigh had warned him

over a foul.

The Sunshine team was not at full strength due to the absence of injured

JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA Ladders as at 14.5.78: WESTERN REGION

UNDER 9	W	D	L	F	P
Meadow Pk 'A'	5	0	12	0	11
Essendon 'A'	5	0	19	3	10
Melton	4	1	24	2	9
Albion	4	1	23	4	9
Sun. Hts 'A'	2	2	17	2	9
Warrburton	3	0	3	14	6
Mordialloc	1	4	4	11	3
Sun. Hts 'B'	1	4	3	13	3
Sun. City	1	0	5	12	2
G. Gully	0	0	5	9	10

UNDER 10	W	D	L	F	P
Green Gully	5	0	21	4	10
Albion 'A'	5	0	12	5	10
Sunshine Hts	4	0	12	3	9
Melton	3	1	12	11	7
Ardeer	3	0	3	12	6
Kallaroo	2	1	3	12	5
Albion	2	0	4	11	9
Warrburton	2	0	4	13	4
Mordialloc	2	0	4	13	4
Albion 'B'	0	0	4	12	7

UNDER 11 'A'	W	D	L	F	P
Sunshine Hts	5	0	19	3	10
Kallaroo	3	2	10	4	8
Essendon	4	1	12	4	9
West Utd 'A'	3	0	2	14	6
Albion	2	0	3	10	7
Melton	2	0	4	7	14
Ardeer	1	3	7	14	3
Warrburton	1	0	4	18	3
Sunshine City	1	0	4	19	2

UNDER 11 'B'	W	D	L	F	P
West Utd 'B'	4	0	12	6	8
West Warrup	3	2	14	6	8
Green Gully	3	1	15	6	7
Albion	3	1	2	9	17
Flemington	2	2	10	3	6
Juvets	2	0	3	12	8
Sunbury	2	0	3	18	4
Reservoir 'A'	1	3	0	20	2
St. Marks	1	0	5	23	2

UNDER 12	W	D	L	F	P
Albion	5	0	19	2	10
Kallaroo	4	0	11	5	9
West Warrup	3	2	1	7	5
Carle	3	1	12	7	5
Melton	3	1	2	10	7
Sunshine City	2	2	8	7	6
Sunshine Hts	2	1	3	7	9
Green Gully	1	4	6	20	3
Albion 'A'	1	4	5	18	2
Kallaroo City	0	1	5	23	1

UNDER 13 'A'	W	D	L	F	P
Sunshine Hts	5	0	18	0	10
Albion 'A'	5	0	29	4	10
Green Gully	3	1	17	1	7
Geelong	3	0	19	4	6
Wth. Geelong	3	0	2	9	6
Hampshire Rangers	3	0	15	17	6
Sunbury	2	0	4	17	4
Western Sub.	2	0	3	11	4
Sun. City	1	1	16	20	1
Ball Park	0	6	4	41	0

UNDER 13 'B'	W	D	L	F	P
Essendon	4	0	30	8	0
Albion 'B'	3	1	10	7	7
Geelong	3	0	19	4	6
St. Albans	3	0	3	6	6
Mordialloc	2	1	11	7	9
Albion	1	3	8	16	3
Richmond 'B'	1	0	2	1	3
Kallaroo	1	0	3	4	12
Nth. Reservoir	1	0	4	12	2

UNDER 10	W	D	L	F	P
Brighton	5	0	30	1	10
Chelsea	3	1	2	3	7
Canfield	3	0	10	8	8
Beaconsfield 'B'	2	2	1	3	6
Devenport	2	2	4	12	6
Springley	2	1	2	3	6
Mapley	1	4	1	8	3
Mordialloc	1	0	4	2	2
Seaford 'B'	0	2	3	2	2

UNDER 10	W	D	L	F	P
Springley	5	0	29	1	11
Brighton	5	1	30	4	11
Devenport	4	1	25	2	9

UNDER 9	W	D	L	F	P
Devenport	4	0	2	18	4
Seaford 'A'	4	0	2	14	9
Canfield	2	1	2	1	9
Seaford 'B'	2	0	4	18	4
Hawthorn	1	0	5	4	12
Malvern 'B'	1	0	5	3	32
East Seaford	0	0	6	2	31

UNDER 11	W	D	L	F	P
St. Albans 'B'	5	0	29	5	11
Holmesdale	4	0	16	4	9
Canfield	4	1	13	7	9
Canfield	3	0	5	1	6
St. Albans 'C'	2	2	7	14	6
St. Albans 'D'	1	0	4	8	10
Seaford 'A'	0	2	3	14	2
Mordialloc	0	0	5	4	23

UNDER 9 'A'	W	D	L	F	P
Clayton	6	0	27	3	12
Reservoir 'A'	4	1	20	4	9
Melbourne	3	1	24	3	7
Sun. Hts 'A'	3	0	5	1	6
Wth. Geelong	2	0	2	11	8
Malvern	2	0	3	14	4
Greenborough	1	0	4	12	2
East Seaford	1	0	4	14	2
Eltham	0	0	5	0	26

UNDER 10	W	D	L	F	P
Beaconsfield	4	0	13	2	6
Sunbury	4	0	10	18	6
Meadow Pk 'B'	3	1	5	7	7
Diamond Ck.	2	0	2	12	4
Wentworth	2	0	2	10	5
Reservoir 'B'	1	0	4	16	2
Kallaroo	1	0	2	1	6
Albion 'B'	0	1	4	12	1

UNDER 10 'A'	W	D	L	F	P
Col. City 'A'	4	1	0	20	5
Essendon 'A'	4	0	10	5	9
Melbourne	4	0	17	4	8
Beaconsfield	2	2	10	9	6
Flemington	1	3	1	10	5
Wentworth	2	0	3	10	5
Reservoir 'A'	1	1	3	9	3
Juvets	1	1	4	7	18
Greenborough	0	5	2	25	0

UNDER 10 'B'	W	D	L	F	P
Mordialloc	5	0	28	6	10
Brandsmeadows	5	0	14	4	10
Essendon 'B'	4	0	22	11	8
Holburn	3	1	2	11	12
Beaconsfield	3	1	2	14	7
Diamond Ck.	3	1	2	10	4
Wentworth	2	0	3	10	5
Flemington	1	1	4	24	3
Col. City 'B'	1	0	5	4	32
Greenborough	0	6	1	28	0

UNDER 11	W	D	L	F	P
Flemington 'A'	4	0	13	2	9
St. Albans 'A'	3	0	15	7	9
Meadow Pk 'A'	4	0	12	6	8
Colary	3	1	20	7	9
Eltham	3	0	20	17	9
Reservoir 'B'	2	0	3	10	5
Thamesford	1	1	3	10	5
Greenborough	0	1	5	18	1
Brandsmeadows	0	5	2	28	0

UNDER 12 'A'	W	D	L	F	P
Mordialloc	5	1	0	22	3
Juvets	4	0	1	16	6
Essendon	2	2	10	5	6
Flemington	3	0	2	13	8
St. Albans	3	0	2	13	6
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UNDER 12 'B'	W	D	L	F	P
Greenborough	4	0	14	4	11
Richmond	5	0	15	1	8
Thamesford	4	1	10	9	8
Werrinall	3	2	10	8	8
Wentworth	3	1	10	8	8
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Wentworth	3	1	10	8	8
Wentworth	3	1	10	8	8
Wentworth	3	1	10	8	8

UNDER 12 'C'	W	D	L	F	P
Greenborough	4	0	14	4	11
Richmond	5	0	15	1	8
Thamesford	4	1	10	9	8
Werrinall	3	2	10	8	8
Wentworth	3	1	10	8	8
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UNDER 12 'D'	W	D	L	F	P
Greenborough	4	0	14	4	11
Richmond	5	0	15	1	8
Thamesford	4	1	10	9	8
Werrinall	3	2	10	8	8
Wentworth	3	1	10	8	8
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UNDER 12 'E'	W	D	L	F	P
Greenborough	4	0	12	7	8
St. Albans 'C'	3	1	22	11	7
Greenborough	3	0	2	13	10
Thamesford	2	1	3	10	14
Mordialloc	1	1	3	12	3
Canfield	1	1	3	12	3
Reservoir	1	1	3	12	3
Juvets	0	1	4	8	17

UNDER 13 'B'	W	D	L	F	P
St. Albans 'B'	4	1	18	8	9
Essendon	4	0	1	17	9
Col. City	3	1	2	16	7
Clifton Hill	3	0	2	8	4
Richmond	3	0	1	14	8
Eltham	2	0	4	9	4
Ring Utd.	2	0	2	14	4
St. Marks	0	4	2	12	2
Colary	0	0	5	22	0

UNDER 9 'A'	W	D	L	F	P
Moorebank	6	0	25	0	12
Melton	5	0	25	0	10
Knox City	3	0	2	9	5
Knox City	3	0	2	7	8
Croydon 'A'	3	0	3	12	6
Knox City 'A'	1	1	3	10	3
Waverley	1	1	4	5	3
Wentworth	1	0	4	2	12
F.T. Gully	0	0	5	11	7

UNDER 9 'B'	W	D	L	F	P
Moorebank	4	1	12	1	9
Melton	4	1	13	2	8
Knox City	3	0	2	9	5
Knox City	3	0	2	7	8
Croydon 'A'	3	0	3	12	6
Knox City 'A'	1	1	3	10	3
Waverley	1	1	4	5	3
Wentworth	1	0	4	2	12
F.T. Gully	0	0	5	11	7

UNDER 10 'A'	W	D	L	F	P
Moorebank	6	0	23	3	12
Knox City	5	0	13	3	10
Melton	4	1	15	8	9
Knox City	3	2	1	8	5
Malvern 'A'	3	1	2	8	7
Knox City 'A'	2	1	3	4	6
Knox City 'B'	1	1	4	9	3
Ring Utd.	1	0	3	11	7
Wentworth	1	0	2	4	14
Knox City 'B'	0	1	5	12	1

Waverley 'B'	3	0	3	10	1
Moorebank 'B'	2	1	3	5	1
Croydon 'B'	1	2	3	11	
Knox City 'B'	1	0	5	1	1
Upper Yarra	0	0	6	1	3
UNDER 10 'C'					
	W	D	L	F	P
Dandenong City	5	0	0	15	
Box Hill 'B'	5	0	1	28	
Dingley	5	0	1	19	
Karingal 'B'	3	0	3	5	
Ring City 'B'	1	3	2	2	1
Lyndale	2	1	3	1	
Hyson City 'C'	2	0	3	0	



● Dennis Boland in action — as seen through the camera of SAM BELFONTE. Top centre: beaten by a Bertie Mariani header. Bottom, second from left: saving over Ray Richards.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



Prese nedelje JUST je bio slobodan, jer je put za Brisbane odlozen za kraljicini rojst-dan. Podio niza povreda i nepotrebnog putovanja, ovaj odmor je dobrodošao za igrača. Trener Đirković je iskoristio predah za jednu laku trening utakmicu protiv drugog tima JUST-a, koji je preigrao sa 12:0. Svi su dali po neki gol, pa čak i Dragan Vasić, koji je počeo da gubi poverenje u sebe.

Iduće subote JUST igra na svom igralistu protiv Aleksandra, koji se vraća u formu. Ova će biti zanimljiva utakmica, jer je važna za oba kluba. Predigru, koja počinje u 1 sat po podne, igraju juniori JUST-a i Nunawadinga za Kup ispod 14 godina. Oba tima treniraju bivše JUST-ove zvezde. "Plave" malisane trenira Pape Dugino, a Nunawading Emio Marinovic.

DRŽAVNA LIGA

Essendon/Crawley je izgubila prvi bod posle sedam kola, dok Makedonija umalo nije naneli prvi poraz Frankstonu, koji u stopu prati lidera. Jedno je sigurno da se ni Makedonija ne odire prvog mesta, iako je loše počela sezonu. U prošlosti se pokazalo da klubevi, koji se zahuktaju na početku, izgube dah u završnici.

BEZ ČELETA NEMA GOLOVA

Drugi tim JUST-a opet je pao sa prvog mesta, uglavnom svojom krivicom, iako Moreland nije tes tim. Zbog nepotrebnog vraćanja lopte svom golmanu mogli su da prime dva gola, ali i jedan je bio dovoljan da izgube dva važna boda. Da nije bilo ovih decakih pogresaka Moreland ne bi primisao JUST-ov gol. Navala je podbacila, jer je navika da koristi Čeletu brzina, koja razbija svaku odbranu. Očekuje se da će Čele Albansu biti zdrav za utakmicu sa St. Albansom, koja se igra iduće subote u St. Albansu.

PROVIZIONALNA LIGA

KEYSBOROUGH — INTER 1:0 (0:0). Inter iz Williamstowna je imao više od igre, ali se vratilo klub bez jednog bomda. Navala se nije dobro snasila na klizavom terenu. Bol od ostalih u intervju timu: Karlo Madic, Zvonko Bartol i Zvonko Macanovic. Sastav Inter: Mic Karalić, Zarko Stefanovic, Franjo Drozdac, Karlo Madic, Mirko Bekar, Ante Celinic, Zvonko Macanovic, Stjepan Beluric, Simo Dragovic, Zvonko Bartol, Luj Bubur (Milorad Milsavac).

CENTRAL ALTONA — BULLFEE 6:3 (3:1). Pobjeda je mogla biti mnogo veća u korist Central Altona, da se odbrana nije uspravila kod rezultata 5:1. Dva jehtina primljena gola pokvarila su golrizakci, koja može odlučivati na kraju prvenstva. Po blatinjavom terenu navala se je otcinila snasla. Sufiralo se iz svake pozicije, ali svaka lopta nije mogla da uletu u mrežu. Najpaspisni i najbolji igrač ove utakmice bio je Dordje Markovski. Probudio se posle dugog sna. Postigao je 4 gola u 10, 35, 55 i 80 minuta. Ostala dva su dali Lazar Lazarević u 25 i Tundjević u 47. minuta. Sastav Central Altona: Surbevski, Stankovski, Filipjanovski, Serovski, Naumovski, Derzuvovski, Lazarević, Kekovski (Talevski), Markovski, Tundjević, Stojevski, Sudija je odlučio voditi ove utakmice. Najbolji igrači: Markovski, Derzuvovski i kapiten Serovski. Iduće subote Central Altona igra u Royal Parku.

Carlton/Srijba je vraćena u drugu provizionarnu ligu. Ispravljani je grvska disciplinosa odobara, koji je bez podataka i saslušanja doneo odluku bez prisustva u sportskim krugovima. Umesto da se pozove na odgovornost Melton, koji je procvatov alkohola pica, što je stvorilo raznu atmosferu, kaznjeni su gosti ni krivi ni duzni.

JOS JEDNA POBEDA "PLAVIH" IZ GEELONGA

JUST iz Geelonga je postigao prošle nedelje sedam uzastopnih pobeda, koja ga je dovela na prvo mesto. Pobjedu je došadajni lider Broadmeadows sa 4:2 (1:2). "Plavi" su otvorili seriju golova preko Caneta Filipovskog, ali su gosti posle toga preuzeli inicijativu i povelu sa 2:1. Tek 20 minuta pre kraja, kada je Vukšan Perić zamenio povredjenog Filipovskog delazi do prekida u igri. Perić je uspeo da izjednači. Dva Dvije pobjede na 3:2, a Zoran Biskupovski postavlja konačan rezultat 4:2 za JUST. Sastav JUST-a: Vlado Kelak, Boris Popovski, George Ambroz, Ismet Vrbac, Ivica Kelak, Vlado Briskovski, Zoran Briskovski, Zoran Babic, Caneta Filipovskog (Vukšan Perić), Dany Cvijic, Dean Friend. Iduće nedelje JUST je slobodan, jer se u Melbourne igra internacionalna utakmica.

AMATERSKA LIGA

PELISTER/Pascoe Vale — Postal Union 3:4 (1:2). Pelister je opet nesretno izgubio, jer je tri puta pogodio stativu. Streli: Mitko Steriovski, Hrsto Apostolovski, Zoran Ristovski. Ova trojica su bili igrači Pelistera. Rezerva je igrala 2:2. Ova gola postigao je Pero Perdevski.

WILTONA/VOJVOJINA — MITCHAM 2:2 (0:0). Vojvodina je provala 68 minuta na protivničkoj strani, ali su ostala dva minuta ipak bila dovoljna da protivnik izjednači jedan bod. Igrali je svirao preko 30 tisađina protiv igrača Vojvodine, što je svakako bilo preterano i neopravdano. Streli za Vojvodinu: Andrija Stresnjak i Paul Gallo. Sastav Vojvodine: S. Peska, M. Stojanovski (J. Sklenar), Lj. Kitonovski, J. Kordandovski, P. Oravec, P. Koleski, G. Belanji, C. Simonovski, A. Stresnjak, P. Gallo, S. Dimitrović (Z. Todrović).

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

TARAX — WILLS 4:1 (2:0). Po skromnoj oceni navijaca ova je bila najbolja utakmica u ovoj sezoni. Tim "limnada" je igrao majstorski iako su Stevo Kosovac, Ibro Hadzibabic i Veroslav Mladenovic nastupili bolenski i povredjeni. Najbolji igrači: Veroslav Mladenovic, Sander Kaci, Aca Todoricic, Ivan Milinov i Milan Gallo. Streli: Miro Adamovic, 2. Veroslav Mladenovic i Stevan Kosovac po jedan. Iduće nedelje Tarax igra za Industrijski Kup.

Public Works — PEGASUS 2:2. Streli: Sjabik i Petelinac. Pegasus je nadigrao slabog protivnika, ali zbog neobitne odbrane morao je da podeli bodove. Pegasus je jos uvek nepobedjen. Sastav: Kurjan 6, T. Placko 6, Harris 6, Petelinac 8, Miro 7, Stojanovic 6, Sjabik 6, M. Placko 7, Rus 6, Pavlovic 7, Ovar 6. Pegasus igra iduće nedelje protiv Fibra Collingaze za Industrijski Kup.

DOVIDUJNJA

TOKOM OVE NEDELJE COLLINGAZI U Argentinu na nogometno prvenstvo, ali se nadam da će ova rubrika nek prekinuti do mog povratka.

OLLERTON MY BOGEY MAN: BOLAND

By
KYLE
PATTERSON

If Footscray JUST goalkeeper Dennis Boland continues to play the way he has in recent weeks, it shouldn't be too long before he realises his ambition — to play for Victoria, or perhaps Australia.

Boland, 27, who made a stunning comeback after missing the first six games of the Phillips League season through illness, would have liked nothing better than to be in the Victorian squad for this week's game against Dundee of Scotland.

"I was born in Dundee," said Boland, "and it would have suited me down to the ground to get a call-up to the Victorian team for the game against my home-town club. I was overlooked in the past when I thought I had a good chance of being selected, but I haven't given up hope of representing the State. Playing against Dundee would've made up for the disappointments of the past."

No-one can deny that Boland's form of late would justify selection in the State team. However, unless one of the keepers in the squad suffers an injury or dramatic loss of form, State coach Duncan McKay is not likely to make changes.

Boland's late start to the season was caused by hepatitis. "I did all the pre-season training," said Boland, "but I didn't feel too well. One doctor said it was because I had the flu, but I went to another one, who did some tests that showed I had hepatitis."

It was the eve of the PSL season, and Boland was to spend the next four weeks in bed. "I lost over a stone in weight during my illness," said Boland, "but recovered sooner than the doctor expected. I put the weight back on in about two weeks when I started eating normally and training again."

Boland's unavailability forced JUST to rush into the transfer market in search of a replacement. The club bought Mike O'Hara from Hakoah for \$3000.

"Mike's on the bench now," said Dennis, "but his being there has helped me. Competition for places in a team is good and I'll have to

keep performing well if I'm to hold my place."

However, Boland, who is one of the leaders in the JAT-Soccer Action' PSL player of the year award, says he gave away two goals in early comeback games.

"Because of the lay-off," said Boland, "I lost a bit of touch and judgment. I made a mistake against Canberra City that cost JUST a goal and I blame myself for the goal I conceded against Sydney Olympic. But when I get right back into it I expect to cut out such errors."

Boland came to Australia from Scotland in 1970. He joined Hakoah St Kilda. Some of the top players in the Hakoah team were Mike Clary (former Mooroolbark, now back at Hakoah), Alan Stenhouse, Terry Lane (who later joined Mooroolbark before returning to England), John Anderson and David Baker.

Boland left Hakoah after two years and joined Albion Rovers.

"Albion was in the Second Division," said Dennis, "but was keen to win promotion. We ended up winning the league."

After one season with Albion, he was recruited by West Germany. He had the ball put past him five times, but said that he played fairly well.

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Most of the clubs in the league are owned by large companies, which means a virtually endless supply of money for the soccer clubs.

Yomiuri is joint-owned by the Nippon Television Company, and a local daily paper. "The club fixed us up with a house," said Dennis, "and any players who had been with the club a while and then retired, were given a job with the company that owned the club."

However, while the stadiums were of a good standard and the crowd (average 7000 a game) quite decent, Boland found the standard of soccer mediocre. "The players were really fit," said Dennis, "and exceptionally fast, but they couldn't read the game."

This failing was fully exposed when the club toured West Germany and Holland at the end of Boland's first season in Japan.

"When we played in Europe," said Dennis, "our opposition would let our boys run around but because they could read the game they could save their legs."

Boland was on the receiving end when Yomiuri played Werder Bremen of West Germany. He had the ball put past him five times, but said that he played fairly well.

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Frankston City) took the last kick and he put it to my right hand side. I managed to get across and palm it away, and we won the cup."

Dennis says that at the time he didn't think of the importance of the kick. "In sudden-death penalty kicks everything happens so fast," said Boland, "I was concentrating on the kick and the thought that the cup would be ours if I saved it didn't enter my mind."

Boland says he normally saves one spot kick a year. Last year he saved a Ken Taylor penalty in a national league game against Alexander, and this season he stopped Phil O'Connor of St George from scoring.

"The save against St George made me really happy," said Dennis, "as we were leading only 1-0, and if O'Connor had scored, it would've put his club right back into the game. Also, I thought it was a 'soft' penalty and shouldn't have been awarded in the first place."

However, there's one man who gets the ball past Boland fairly regularly. "I suppose you could say that Peter Ollerton is a bogey player to me," said Dennis.

"I've spoken to other keepers who play against him, but they say he doesn't worry them that much."

"However, because I'm not really a tall person, Ollerton's weight and height put me at a disadvantage when going for high balls."

"I had a nightmare game against him in the 1976 Ampol Cup. He beat us 4-1, and Ollerton got two, as well as creating many other chances."

Boland says that if he were as tall as John Hansen, Helles' Danish import, he'd be much happier.

"I reckon Hansen and Billy

Whiteside of Hakoah are two of the best keepers on the local scene," said Dennis.

Boland says that Dragan Vasic holds the key to success for JUST.

"Dragan's having a bad trot at the moment," he says, "but if he can get back to his top form, we'll have someone to put away all the chances we make. Then we'll really hit top gear."

He added that the defence was playing very well at the moment.

"The two Jimmys in the middle of the back four — Kondarios and Kriaris — are keeping our defence tight. Those two and I have built up an understanding over the past three years, so mistakes are minimised."

"I can shout at them during a game but as soon as we get off the field everything is forgotten. If I have a go at Kondarios on the field, I'm talking to Jim the player, not Jim the man."

Dennis praised Kriaris for his courage, which has seen him come back after a bad back injury.

"The last 10 minutes of a game Kriaris is really suffering," said Boland, "and it really hits him the next day."

Hopefully, JUST will really hit top gear and stay in touch with the top. The next time JUST meets Helles it will be interesting to see if Boland can overcome his "Ollerton-phobia". Boland was fortunate he missed out when the two clubs clashed earlier this season. Helles won 2-0 with both goals coming from Ollerton.

Soon Boland will have another fan at games. His wife Brenda last year gave birth to a baby girl, Susan, who's now 10 months old. However, the way Boland has thwarted forwards this season I doubt if he'll gain any new admirers from the ranks of strikers!

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George Best — out of form.

LOS ANGELES — George Best, the tempestuous wayward genius, was in a mood of sombre introspection.

We are sitting in a French restaurant, La Guillotine, on Sunset Boulevard in the centre of Hollywood.

Two beautiful sun-drenched blondes, wearing tight blouses and shorts, walk past but Best does not give them a second glance.

It has been a bad week for Best.

He was dropped from the starting line-up for the Los Angeles Aztecs' home match against the Oakland Stompers after missing two practice sessions.

Best came on after 15 minutes but missed two penalties and the Aztecs crashed to a 2-1 defeat — their fourth in five matches.

It was the first time Best had been dropped since joining the Aztecs three years ago.

Best does not hide his feelings. "Of course I'm not happy," he says, sipping a gin and tonic.

"Let's face it, there is

something wrong with the team. I think I know what it is and I've mentioned it, but so far nothing has been done about it."

"We went all the way to the semi-finals last year. Before the season started I asked for minor changes to be made which would improve us. But so far nothing has been done."

Two days after the Oakland defeat, the Aztecs played a midweek game against the Cuba national team, and Best was superb, scoring the only goal of the match with a thunderous 15-metre shot.

However, Best and the Aztecs slumped in a disastrous 2-0 home defeat to the Seattle Sounders at the Rose Bowl.

The Aztecs have yet to record a win at the 105,000 capacity stadium this season.



Troubled Aztec coach Terry Fisher.

And Best, who scored 11 goals last season, has not scored in competition matches this season.

Best admitted he has not had the best of seasons and coach Terry Fisher and owner and president of the Aztecs, Larry Friend, have publicly lashed the club's biggest asset.

Immediately after the Seattle loss, Friend issued an ultimatum to his players.

"I told each man that anybody who doesn't want to play for the Aztecs will be accommodated," Friend said from the Aztecs' headquarters at Pasadena.

"We won't take anything less than a 100 per cent effort from George Best or anybody."

"The team comes first. That's the way it's got to be."

"I told Bestie to put up or shut up and ship out. We've tolerated all the indifference we can. We've bent over backwards. One more missed practice without an excuse and he's gone."

Best, who seems a lot happier than when we first sat down an hour ago, admitted that the controversy surrounding him had not given him sleepless nights.

Yes, his lack of form has been a concern but he added: "It's not the first time I've been in hot water."

"It's only a matter of time before everything is sorted out."

"I had one of my best seasons last year both for Fulham and the Aztecs, so what is stopping me from continuing this year?"

"Sure I've had a bad run lately but who hasn't one time or another?"

But the Aztecs, particularly Fisher, hope he hits top form soon.

Fisher has been under intense pressure from the fans and unless the Aztecs hit a winning streak his job could be in jeopardy.

Fisher knows his job is not safe but despite the fans singing "Goodbye Terry" at home games, he says he is not worried.

"Sure the fans don't like me. I'm an unpopular coach," he says.

"I say screw the popularity. Either you want the job done or you don't."

"If you want a popular coach, get Farrah Fawcett-Majors to do your job."

Best finishes his fourth drink and we go for a walk along Sunset Boulevard, which is known to Californians as Sunset Strip.

We walk past the hotel Chateau Marmont which was the favorite haunt of Clark Gable and Humphrey Bogart, and now George Best.

Best feels perfectly at home here in Los Angeles which seems like a million miles from Manchester where he grew into a superstar.

California has one asset which the whole of England could never provide — Malibu Beach.

Best spends most of his spare time there and girls swarm around him on a hot Californian day — which seems to be every day lately.

He makes it quite clear that he doesn't want to return to England.

"I did everything there was to do there except play in a World Cup," he says.

"But I have a European Cup medal and if I had to choose between winning the European Cup and playing in a World Cup, I would pick the European Cup."

Best played a vital part in the 1968 European Cup final against Benfica at Wembley Stadium, scoring a goal in the opening minutes of extra time which led to United scoring a magnificent 4-1 win.



Scorer Chingella gets a hug from Cosmos teammate Beckenbauer.

Cosmos tops

NEW YORK — The New York Cosmos, who are leading the potential champions and show no signs of slowing up.

The Cosmos, with only one loss this season, have scored 24 goals and allowed only eight.

Top scorer is Italy's Giorgio Chinaglia, who leads the NASL with eight goals and five assists for 21 points.

Another major producer for the Cosmos has been Vladislav Bogdevic of Yugoslavia with four goals and seven assists. He is tied for fifth in the scoring race with 15 points.

Gauci scores 23

Joe Gauci, a Victorian under 14 representative last year, continues his incredible goalscoring feats in the Latrobe Valley.

Joe, 14, scored no less than 23 goals in Moe United's under 16 win against Leongatha. Final score was 25-1.

In another recent game, Joe scored eight of the goals in Moe under 16s 9-0 win against Sale Stars. He then scored three goals in the Moe Reserves, who beat Sale 6-2.

One of Melbourne's Phillips League teams — HELLAS, J.U.S.T. or ALEXANDER — should move in now to secure some sort of option on Gauci. This boy is a Soccerro of the future.



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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes: Franco Leone, 10 (Box Hill), B. Sterritt, 11, J. Over, 11 (Greensborough); Joe Gauci, 14, twenty-three goals (Moe United); Mark Sady, 8 (Ardeer); Anthony Smith, 7, Guy Barwood, 6, four goals

(Springvale); George Jacmenovic, 10, five goals (Essendon City); Michael Rothwell, 12 (Mowbray Heights Primary School, Tas.); Michael Dwyer, 7 (Wenderra Heights, NSW); Simon Hicks, 12 (Mellon); Roger Miles, 9, five goals; Glen McNeill, 10, Paulo Botticchio (St. Pat's West, Tas); Nick Pavlov, 14, Zotos Zervides, 14, Basil Caravadas, 14, four goals Paul Ribba, 14 (all St. Mel's Hells); Pasquale Ianelli, 11, Wayne Weber, 12 (Dandenong North); Con Lages, 10, (West United); John Dardovsk, 13, Robert Rottin, 13, five goals; David Walkden, 13, four goals (all Altona City); Nigel Hail, 14, four goals; Craig Crowe, 14, four goals; Nick Kovacevic, 8, six goals; Nick Foudoulis, 8 (all Bundoora); Peter McAvoy, 9, six goals (Pagewood-Botany, NSW); Simon Wilkins, 7 (Croydon); Greg Kennemeyer, 15, Etthimelias Patziannas, 14 (Caullfield); Cameron Westwood, 8, Craig Keyser, 8, six goals; Rick Schelling, 8 (Berwick); Robert Mantel, 10, Gary Wilkinson, 10 (Mooroolbark); Gary van der

Stacy, 14, Dean Cutting, 12 (Traralgon); Jamie Warren, 15, five goals (Lugarno Churches, NSW); Michael John, 8 (Fernree Gully); Scott Jarvis, 11, eight goals; Michael Wilhelm, 12, four goals; Uri Suljo, 12 (Twin City Wanderers); George Hlopoulos, 12 (Bankalia); John Servino, 11 (Nunawading); Ross Minichilli, 8, Andrew Goulopoulos, 9 (Rusland); Gordon McMillan, 11 (Newborough); Stephen McGregor, 7, four goals (Elizabeth West, SA); Scott Pannoskous, 8, five goals; Ricky Honey, 8, four goals; Danny Law, 7, four goals (Roseneth, Tas); Paul Fletcher, 11, four goals (Moe United); Graham McMillan, 12 (Polonia SA); Barry Taylor, 13, David Hafford, 13 (Sivaby); Tony Kravovic, 9, Ante Pervan, 11, four goals (King Tormislaw, NSW); Stuart McGillicuddy, 11 (All Saints); Tony Di Paola, 16 (Western Suburbs, NSW); Graziano Socio, 16, six goals; Nick Socio, 16, four goals; Tony Del Mestre, 16 (St. Mark); Eddy Carol, 7, seven goals; Tommy Sonini, 7, seven goals; David Bevan, 10 (St. Mark); Nelson, 11 (Barwon); George Deligiannis, 15, four goals (Hakoh, Vic); David Bevan, 9, Warren Roach, 9, Frankie Spiteri, 9 (all Green Gully).

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A view from the junior ranks

BY LEIF JENSEN

I would like to thank the people who went to the trouble of writing this week. Your letters confirm my belief that lack of communication at club level is the major reason why so many boys do not turn up at the regional trials.

One such letter is a sample so we decided to publish it.

Dear Mr. Jensen,

Re your recent column in "Soccer Action" in connection with regional squads, this was the first I had heard of any trials taking place.

I telephoned (Mr. X.) and was put in touch with the regional coach who invited my son's team to the trials on Saturday, May 13, as a result of which he has now been included in the squad.

On questioning my son he told me they had not been told of any trials taking place. I also asked the team manager of my son's team on May 14 if he had any information on the trials but the first he knew of was my inquiry.

most certainly a lack of communication at club level and many talented youngsters must have lost the opportunity to represent their region and/or state because of this.

I know my youngster is highly delighted at being included in the squad.

Yours in sport

Mrs. D.

To the "coach" who said to someone on the touchline the other day "I am not letting any of my boys go to these regional games. They might get injured and not be able to play for me the next day." I would like to say: What right do you have to deprive a boy of a chance to represent his region or state?

Just to let you know, "coach," that I am not talking through my hat I have, out of the two teams I am coaching, 20 boys in the region squads, ranging from U/12 to U/15, and so far have not had any boy injured.

a renewed interest in soccer and a great performance from them all every Sunday in their club games.

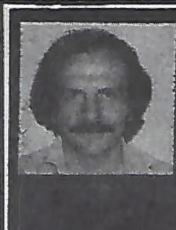
To all the knockers of the region and State teams, how come I did not receive one single letter from you fellows?

My address again: L.G. Jensen, 15 Saturn Street, South Caulfield 3162.

Any U/11 team from Melbourne, who would like a week-end in the country, here is your opportunity.

The U/11 Rep. team from Albany would like teams from Melbourne to come up and give them a game. The boys would be billed and I can assure you they would be well looked after.

A good friend of mine is the coach and the manager is Russell Gardiner who is the man to contact on Albany 25 3948, or you can write to 374 Reservoir Road, Albany



PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

TO ΔΙΑΣΚΕΔΑΣΑΜΕ

Τό διασκεδάσαμε τό περασμένο Σάββατο καί τό καλύτερο απ' όλα ήταν ότι τό διασκεδάσαμε καί ο κόσμος πού πήγε στό Μίντλ Πάρκ γιά νά παρακολουθήσει τόν άγώνα μαζί με τόν... δευτερευούσας σημασίας άγώνα μεταξύ 'Αλεξάνδρου - Γιουβέντους.

Μάλιστα άρζίζει νά σημειωθεί ότι οι δημοσιογράφοι έφεραν γούρι στόν Μέγα με τήν νίκη τους επί τών καλλιτεχνών, διότι καί αυτός κέρδισε τήν Γιουβέντους με 3 γκόλ.

Δέν θά περιγράψουμε τό παιχνίδι διότι ήταν άπερίγραπτο, έτσι κι άν προσπαθούσαμε δέν θά ξέραμε από πού ν' άρχίσουμε.

"Όλοι όμως διακρίθηκαν καί οι δημοσιογράφοι καί οι καλλιτέχνες πού συγκεντρώθηκαν στό Μίντλ Πάρκ γιά νά συμβάλουν στις εκδηλώσεις τής 'Ελληνικής 'Εβδομάδος με τόν δικό τους τρόπο, μ' ένα ποδοσφαιρικό άγώνα πού είναι ο πρώτος πού έκανε γίνει στό χρονικό τής παρακολούθησης της Μελοβούρνης καί δέν θά ήταν άσχημη ή ιδέα άν αυτός ο άγώνας καθιερώνονταν σέ κάθε μελλοντική εκδήλωση τής 'Ελληνικής 'Εβδομάδος καί μάλιστα πριν από τόν άγώνα 'Ελληνικής ομάδος.

Φυσικά τό αποτέλεσμα τό ξέρετε. Νικήσαμε (έπεισε δυστυχώς καί ο γράφων) με 3-2 τους καλλιτέχνες παρά τήν σθεναρή αντίσταση πού πρόβαλαν καί ιδιαίτερα στό 3. ημίχρονο όπου μάλιστα είχαν άρξισει νά γίνονται καί άπειλητικοί όταν είσαν ότι είχαν εύνοικο τόν άνεμο ο οποίος εμπόδιζε τόν τερματοφύλακα μας νά σταθεί στό πόδια του.

Ο ένθουσιασμός τόσο μέσα στό γήπεδο όσο καί στις κερκίδες ήταν πολλή πιά θερμός από τόν άέρα καί τήν συννεσιά. Οι θεατές στήν κερκίδα τό διασκεδάσαν μαζί μας, χειροκρότησαν τούς άγωνιζόμενους γιά τόν ηρωισμό τους (60 λεπτά τρέχανε οι φοκαρόδες) περισσότερο καί γιά τήν άπεκτικότητα τους στις καιρικές συνθήκες (δέν σημειώθηκε κανένα κρούσμα πνευμονίας).

Είναι σίγουρο πώς αυτός ο άγώνας θά γίνει θεσμός στό μέλλον καί ότι κάθε χρόνο θά συγκεντρώνει περισσότερο κόσμο καί ίσως εκγέστ στάς από τήν πατρίδα (μάλιστα γιά τήν σύνθεση τών καλλιτεχνών) οι όποιοι θά τύχει νά βρίσκονται τήν εποχή εκείνη στην Αυστραλία.

Τέτοιοι ποδοσφαιρικοί άγώνες σέ άλλες χώρες καί στήν 'Ελλάδα αποτελούν τό γεγονός τής χρονιάς καί οι φιλάθλοι τρέχουν στό γήπεδο με πανιά, τριμπέτες, τράκνες καί συνδυάσματα — πάντοτε έξυπνα — γιά νά φωνάζουν υπερ ή κατά τών ομάδων καί νομίζω ότι είπω καιρός νά άρχίσουμε νά βλέπουμε καί δέ τείτοιους άγώνες. Άγώνες π.χ. μεταξύ δημοσιογράφων — δημοσίων ή δημοσιογράφων — δικηγόρων — δικηγόρων — γιατρών, ή λιμπεραλ — λέμμπορ (έδώ θά έχει πολύ γέλιο), άκόμη έναν πιά έπίσημο άγώνα παλαιμάχων ποδοσφαιριστών οι όποι οι θά γίνονται σέ μεγάλο γήπεδο πριν τήν έναρξη ενός έπίσημου άγώνα.

Μέχρι σήμερα οι δημοσιογράφοι έδωσαν δύο άγώνες. Έναν έναντίον τών διατητών (1-1) τό '76 όπου έπαίξαν καί Αύστραλ καί σουάβελαιο καί έναν τό Σάββατο (3-2) με 'Ελληνες δημοσιογράφους καί τόν Λώρυ Σουγούμπ από τό Σόκκερ 'Ακσιον σάν εκγέστ στάς. Καί θ' ακολουθήσουν οι άλλοι. 'Ηδη οι καλλιτέχνες διαφώνησαν γιά έκδίκηση καί ζήτησαν ρεβάνς τήν όποια καί θά δώσουμε μόλις τό επιτρέψει ο καιρός καί οι γιατροί καί τό μέλι τού σωματός πολλών θά χρειαστούν καιρός γιά νά επανέλθουν στήν ενεργό δράση. Καί αυτός ο άγώνας κατά τήν γνώμη μου θά πρέπει νά γίνει ή άρχή γιά παρόμοιες εκδηλώσεις γιά μάς όπου διασκεδάσουν τόσο οι φιλάθλοι όσο καί οι άγωνιζόμενοι.

Καί θά θέλαμε νά ευχαριστήσουμε τήν 'Εθνική Τράπεζα 'Ελλάδος γιά τήν θαλασσοπία τήν καπέλουν όπως έπίσης τούς ποδοσφαιρικούς συλλόγους 'Αλέξανδρο καί Πέλοπα πού έδωσαν στις ομάδες τίς σπολές στους δημοσιογράφους καί στους καλλιτέχνες άντιστοίχως καί έπίσης τήν 'Ελλάς Μελοβούρνης γιά τήν παραχώρηση τού γηπέδου τών τών άποδυτηρίων.

Καί φυσικά τόν κ. Νίκο Κόρλιτς, έναν άπό τούς καλλιτέχνες διατητών τού έθνικού πρωταθλήματος, ο όποιος ποσοστάζει εύγενικά νά διατηρείται τόν έθιμόν μας.

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Les Sheinflug.

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD, 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boegheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001
Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: D. Ford.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

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CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W)

COACH: J. Warren. 54 1787 (L)

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** FordThis week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.

EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

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COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

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FITZROY UNITED

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This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

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ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

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COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 1 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

General Manager: Mike Whitewood. (Bus.) 94 5048,
94 5462 (After Hours) 309 4079

MANAGER/COACH: D. MacLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive,
Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA CITY** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Saturday 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181
SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskinvile Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskinvile

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WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Adam

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Mantion St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **ST. GEORGE** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 1 pm.